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Residents view a collapsed bridge after it was hit by a storm in Infanta town, Quezon province, in the eastern Philippines esday. The death toll from eastern Philippines jumped to nearly 340 with 150 others missing Tuesday, most of them from a region still reeling from last week's deadly typhoon. Forecasters are predicting a new typhoon circling off the Pacific coast could hit the area as early

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World

Democracy in Hong Kong: The top U.S. diplomat in Hong Kong said Tuesday the government should respect people's wishes on the issue of holding a referendum on direct elections in this partially democratic

Chinese territory

Pro-democracy figures tried to push a legislative motion backing the referendum on Monday, but it was defeated by pro-government lawmakers who hold a majority in the

Beijing had earlier warned lawmakers against supporting the referendum, which it sees as a challenge to China's constitutional

Ukraine election turmoil: Supporters of Ukraine's opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko broke off talks Tuesday with Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, who was declared the winner of the presidential elec-

Yushchenko's campaign chief, Oleksandr Zinchenko, accused authorities of trying to drag out the talks, which were launched last week thanks to the European Union's media-

Zinchenko spoke after pro-government lawmakers blocked the opposition's attempt to vote no-confidence in Yanukovych's Cabi-

Pakistan's presidency: Pakistan's military president, under fire for reneging on promises to restore full democracy, will keep his dual role as army chief and head of state under legislation enacted Tuesday by close supporters while the general was on a trip to Latin America and Washington.

There was no doubt that the legislation would be signed, but the timing appeared to indicate that President Gen. Pervez Musharraf did not want to put his name on the con-troversial bill, which has drawn heavy criticism from the opposition

Instead, it was signed into law by Moham-med Mian Soomro, who as chairman of the Senate is acting president while Musharraf is away

Afghan opium crop: Afghan President Hamid Karzai has lodged a protest with Brit-ish and U.S. officials after a mystery aircraft sprayed herbicide on opium crops without authorization, his spokesman said Tuesday.

Villagers in eastern Nangarhar province complained two weeks ago that a plane had dusted their fields and villages with a chemical that killed their crops and made them

The government ordered an investiga-



Cleric's terrorism trial: Militant Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, center, is escorted by security officers and his defense lawyer during a break Tuesday in his trial in Jakarta, Indo sia. Prosecutors suffered a setback Tuesday when a key witness failed to link the radical cleric to any crimes. Bashir, 66, is accused of heading the al-Qaida-linked terror group Jemaah Islamiyah, and of inciting his followers to take part in the 2002 Bali bombings and the JW Marriott Hotel attack in Jakarta last year. He faces the death penalty if convicted.

tion, which confirmed that a substance had been sprayed in two districts, probably from the air, spokesman Jawed Ludin said.

Girl sold into marriage: A refugee from Kosovo pleaded guilty to attempted rape in the case of a 15-year-old girl who said her mother sold her to be his bride for \$3,000.

Bekim Lapjani, 22, of Rochester, N.Y. as initially charged with first-degree rape His attorney, David Foster, said Lapjani pleaded guilty Monday to the reduced charge because he believed the sex was con-

The felony conviction will likely send him to prison for four years, followed by deporta-

New Jersey governor's race: Republican Bret Schundler, who lost the 2001 New Jersey governor's race to the recently resigned Democrat James E. McGreevey, announced Monday he will seek the job again in 2005.

Schundler told cheering supporters that he would cut taxes by keeping state spending below the rate of economic growth. He cut taxes while mayor of Jersey City from 1992 to 2001

He is the second prominent Republican to announce he will seek the party's gubernatorial nomination in as many weeks. Businessman Douglas R. Forrester, who lost a bid for U.S. Senate in 2002, announced last week that he will run for governor.

New York Times libel suit: A federal judge has dismissed a libel suit brought against The New York Times by bioterrorism expert Steven Hatfill, who claimed the newspaper falsely insinuated he was responsible for the deadly anthrax attacks in 2001.

U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton also dismissed Hatfill's lawsuit against Times columnist Nicholas Kristof, who wrote several columns in 2002 on the FBI's handling of the anthrax investigation.

Hilton ruled that Kristof's columns did not defame Hatfill, and that they accurately reflected the state of the FBI's investigation, in which Hatfill was labeled "a person of in-terest" by Attorney General John Ashcroft.

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Safety measures squeeze Misawa parking

Base commander discusses short-term solutions with tower residents such as reducing parking spaces to 2.3 meters from 2.5 meters. An-

Stars and Strings

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -The new landscaping buttressing 13 towers here is intended to keep terrorists with car bombs at

But safety comes at a price: in this case, parking - or lack there-

Mandated by the Air Force after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, the force-protection measures include low walls topped with dirt and grass around each tower's perimeter, keeping cars at least 50 feet away and reducing available parking for tower residents.

That means for mothers such as Marcella Melton, walking from her car to Tower 1939 with three young children in tow can seem like miles.

"Sometimes we'd rather just go driving until something opens up," she said.

Despite the inconvenience and the dread of trudging through the snow this winter, Melton and other tower residents are encouraged that the base's senior leader is trying to alleviate their predica-

"He is really trying to solve ev-Melton erybody's concerns,"

Brig Gen Bill Rew 35th Fight. er Wing and Misawa installation commander, is visiting each tower individually in a series of nightly meetings that started last

"I don't want you all to worry about getting tickets, and I don't want you to worry about walking through the snow two miles each way from your car." Rew told about 30 residents of Tower 1939 on Monday night. "There's nothing we can do about 9/11 and the force-protection procedures in place, but there is something we



Brig. Gen. Bill Rew, 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa Air Base installation commander, discusses parking with the base's Tower 1939 residents Monday night. Rew is holding a series of meetings with tower residents to come up with short-term solutions to a severe parking shortage. The base's 13 towers lost 368 parking spaces due to force protection landscaping, though some have since been regained through temporary fixes such as on-street parking.

can do about the current situa-

Tower 1939 was hit the hardest: The new landscaping slashed available parking from 133 to 65 spots, although the tower currently has 96 spaces with nearby on-street parking. There are 68 units in the tower.

"I couldn't find a spot here so I went across the street." Rew said about his attempt to park at the tower before the meeting.

Unfortunately, he said, it will take millions of dollars in Military Family Housing funds

money the wing doesn't have to permanently remedy the problem by laying down asphalt for more parking lots

But there are some creative, short-term fixes the general has in mind.

"I don't want to do any of this stuff without talking to your first," he told tower residents.

With 35th Civil Engineer Commander Lt. Col. Dave Maharrev and other senior leaders also in attendance. Rew said those ideas include converting nearby tennis and basketball courts into temporary parking. Parking on the ten-

nis courts, minus the nets, would boost parking by about 50 spaces,

Rew said, while basketball court parking would add another 32. "What I don't know is how much the basketball and tennis

courts get used," Rew said. Military dependent and tower resident Laphelia Thomas said children would have to cross the street to play basketball if the tower court was made into park-

"I don't agree with that," she

But other short-term solutions were less appealing to residents, gled parking on the streets also was suggested, but base officials said madways then would not be wide enough for safe traffic flow and snow removal. Designated parking spaces also would not work. Rew said, "because I can't even give one per tower occupant for what you have."

'If there was a simple answer, we would have done it a long time ago," Rew said. "I don't have a lot of money; I have a lot of paint, and I have some construction ca-

A hand count at the end of the hour-long meeting showed unani-mous approval for conversion of only the tennis courts into parking. Rew said he would talk to Maharrey "and price that option out

For the long term — five to six vears down the road — base officials are considering converting the tennis and basketball courts and playground into permanent parking, and eliminating the street parking, to provide 182 spaces for the tower. That number includes two parking spaces per unit, two handicapped slots and six for visitors.

In total, 368 parking spots for 13 towers on base were lost due to anti-terrorism landscaping, ac cording to Maharrey. But 53 since have been regained through on-street parking in the North Area and at Towers 115 and 116, he noted.

'In addition, we have begun adding back about another 120 with some creative parking solu-tions," he said in a written statement

The tower force-protection project started about a year ago ing to base officials.

Rew was to meet with residents at two more towers Tuesday; his last meeting is Monday at 7 p.m. in Tower 1935.

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Sailor's death ruled drowning Gas prices at on-base pumps in Japan and Okinawa are 10 cents

Japanese fishermen find body in full diving gear in Guam channel

By GREG TYLER

Stars and Stripes

Petty Officer 1st Class Paul G. Richardson, member of the crew of the submarine tender USS Frank Cable, was found dead Friday by two Japanese fishermen in the Asan Channel, Navy officials

The family of the 36-year-old sailor, who was unmarried, was notified that Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Aurelio Espinola determined Richardson died from drowning, according to Guam Naval Base officials

Richardson was a machinist's mate on the USS Frank Cable, Lt. Cmdr. Marc Boyd, a U.S. Seventh Fleet spokesman, said late Tuesday evening. The Seventh Fleet vessel, operating from Guam Naval Base, is the Navy's only tender still in service

Boyd said he did not know if Navy officials had considered Richardson missing but said the petty officer "was on leave status at the time his body was found.

Two Japanese fisherman found the body, in full diving gear including two scuba tanks

A local news report, citing unnamed Navy offi-

cials, suggested he could have run out of air while under water

"Conditions surrounding the sailor's death are under investigation by the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in conjunction with local authorities. Boyd said.

All military personnel, whether permanently assigned or visiting the Marianas, are required to watch a 30-minute water safety training video prior to entering the ocean," wrote Senior Chief Petty Officer Jonathan Annis, a Guam Naval Base spokes-

"In addition," he stated, "certain rules apply to water activities for military personnel, especially at beaches on military installations and in any dangerous reef and surf zones

Richardson was the 20th person and the only U.S. servicemember to drown in Guam waters this year.

"Risk management practices and the buddy system are strongly encouraged for all military personnel participating in any outdoor activities in the region." Annis stated.

Six people drowned in 2003 and 2002 each, according to a local news report.

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Gas prices up at on-base pumps

higher this month than last and up a few cents in South Korea and Guam, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service stated in a news

As of Wednesday, mid-grade unleaded fuel is \$1.94 per gallon over November's \$1.84 in Japan and Okinawa. Diesel fuel there is \$1.81, up from \$1.71 in November.

In South Korea, gas is up three cents per gallon. Unleaded fuel is \$2.05 per gallon, up from \$2.02. Premium unleaded gas is \$2.24 per gallon, up from \$2.21 last month.

Diesel fuel in S. Korea is \$2.22, up nine cents from November's \$2.13. At an off-post gas station in Seoul on Tuesday, regular unleaded was listed at \$4.97 per gallon.

On Guam, unleaded fuel is \$2.06, up two cents from \$2.04. Premi-

um unleaded is \$2.26, up four cents from \$2.22

AAFES says it bases its prices on U.S. Department of Energy averages for the previous four-week period.

Yokosuka to celebrate Hanukkah

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Servicemembers and De-partment of Defense ID card holders in the Kanto Plain are invited to a celebration of the first night of Hanukkah at Yokosuka Naval

The Yokosuka Jewish Community will have a dairy potluck dinner starting at 5 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Chapel of Hope Fellowship Hall.

The dinner will feature candle lighting. Jewish music and art for

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From staff reports

DOD tests efficacy of smaller flu vaccine dose

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Stripes ARLINGTON, Va. - The Pentagon, together with several federal health agencies, is conducting

a study to see if a half-dose of flu vaccine is as effective in healthy people as a full dose.

Researchers are hoping that the results duplicate a 2001 study performed at the University of Rochester in New York, which showed that the half-dose does work in such populations.

If so, the study potentially "could double the vaccine supply," according to Maj. Molly Klote, a physician and research fellow at Allergy-Immunology De-partment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

The study, begun in early November, was prompted by this year's vaccine shortage, according to Col. John Grabenstein, deputy director of the Military Vac-

cine Program in Arlington. Members of the government's National Vaccine Advisory Committee, which includes many milihealth organizations, recalled that the University of Rochester's study of half-doses of flu vaccine administered to more than 1,000 healthy people had offered "promising" results. Gra-

By T.A. BADGER

The Associated Press

officials on Tuesday identified

two high-ranking officers from

Fort Hood as being among the vic-

tims of Monday's helicopter crash that killed seven soldiers. Brig. Gen. Charles B. Allen, 49,

were aboard the UH-60 Black Hawk that struck support cables

for a TV transmission tower in

foggy morning weather about 30

Todd T. Christmas, 26; Chief War-

rant Officer 5 Douglas V. Clapp, 48; Chief Warrant Officer 2

David H. Gardner Jr., 32; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mark W.

Evans Jr., 27; and Spc. Richard L.

All those killed were assigned

Brown, 29.

and Col. James M. Moore,

miles northeast of Fort Hood. Also identified were Capt.

FORT HOOD, Texas - Army

Although the vaccine changes composition each year, the com-ponents are not drastically different, Klote said Monday at the Pen-

So if half-doses of two different versions of the vaccine proved to provoke the same immune response in healthy people, "logical-ly, you can infer" that every year's vaccine would be effective

in the smaller dose, she said. The new study includes about 1,375 volunteers, including 1,249 Pentagon employees, with the rest coming from Walter Reed,

Klote said. None of the volunteers fall into the high-risk categories, which include people age 65 and older, children under age 2, and people whose immune systems are vulnerable. The U.S. government recommends that all high-risk people receive full doses of flu vaccine each year

The study began with a single flu shot. Some volunteers got full doses and some half-doses, and researchers will not know who got which dose until the study's conclusion, Klote said.

In addition to the shot, participants also had to donate a small tube of blood.

to the 4th Infantry Division based at Fort Hood. Allen was the divi-

sion's assistant division com-

mander for support, while Moore was commander of the Division

Support Command. Gardner and

Evans were the pilots of the

Army UH-60 Black Hawk helicop-ter, which went down about 7

"It sounded like a big tree

cracking, like something from Paul Bunyan." said Delia Eicke.

who lives near President Bush's

ranch and is used to hearing heli-

copters. "Then I heard the explo-

The helicopter was flying

through thick fog that obscured

all but the lowest few hundred feet of the 1,800-foot-high tower,

Eicke said. In addition, the red warning lights that normally

mark the tower for aviators had

been knocked out in a storm last

a.m. Monday.

The next phase of the study is

to draw another vial of blood from volunteers

Researchers will compare the first vial of blood with the second to see whether the half-dose of vaccine prompted the body to produce the correct immune response, which peaks about three weeks after the initial flu shot, Klote said

Volunteers are also keeping a

diary of any symptoms they experience over the course of the flu season, and researchers will be in touch via e-mail at least twice over the coming months to ask

participants about any illnesses. The researchers will track the volunteers until March 31, the official end of the flu season, Klote

Walter Reed's Allergy-Immu-

Healthcare Centers Network and Army Institute of Research, the Department of Health Human Services, the Federal Drug Administration the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other members are coordinating the new study, Klote said Monday at the Pentagon. E-mail Lisa Burgess at: burgessl@stripes.osd.mil

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Court lets schools keep ban on military recruiters PHILADELPHIA - Colleges and universities can ban military recruit-

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ers from campus without fear of losing federal money, an appeals court has ruled

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday struck down a decade-old federal law known as the Solomon Amendment, saying it in-fringed on the free speech rights of law schools that had sought to limit on-campus recruiting in response to the military's ban on homosexuals.

Ruling in a lawsuit brought by a coalition of 25 law schools around the country, a three-judge panel said that the government's threat to yank funding amounted to compelling the schools to take part in speech they didn't agree with.

"While no doubt military lawyers are critical to the efficient operation of the armed forces, mere incantation of the need for legal talent cannot override a clear First Amendment impairment," the court wrote.

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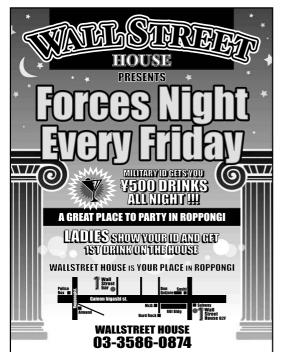


From The Associated Press

Beiji attack kills 5, injures 3 U.S. troops



Command Sgt. Maj. Wayne Sanders of the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-7 inspects the burning wreckage of a truck attacked by a suicide car bomber in Beiji, Iraq, on Wednesday morning. The attack killed five Iraqis and injured 20 people, including three U.S. troops.



By STEVE LIEWER Stare and Strings

BEIJI, Iraq - A suicide bomber detonated a car bomb next to a U.S. military cargo convoy in downtown Beiji on Tuesday morning, killing five Iraqis and injuring 20 people, including three American troops

The car exploded on Highway 1, Beiji's main thoroughfare, at 9:10 a.m., said Lt. Col. Kyle Mc-Clelland, commander of the 1st Infantry Division's Task Force 1-7, the Army unit that patrols the area around the city.

"We heard a big explosion," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Pingo, a tank driver attached to the task force's Company A, who was blocking traffic on the highway about two kilometers from the site. "We could tell by the size of it, it was rather substantial. We saw the smoke cloud."

An Iraqi traffic policeman, Dafer Salim Nejriss, had stopped traffic on a side street while the convov passed.

As the lead vehicle - a military truck called a Lightweight Mobile Tactical Vehicle, or - crossed the intersec-LMTV tion, a Toyota at the head of the line of waiting vehicles on the side street pulled around the policemen next to the truck and lay down on the front seat.

"When the American convoy passed, he blew it up," Nejriss said later through a translator from his hospital bed.

The LMTV rolled to a halt about 100 feet down the road on fire near the driver's side door. The driver and passenger, both Air Force airmen attached to the 167th Corps Support Group in Tikrit, somehow escaped with and minor shrapnel bruises

"By the grace of God, those two [airmen] are still alive," McClel-

A soldier from Company C, 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment, attached to Task Force 1-7, who was in a nearby tank, also suf-

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fered minor injuries. Medics took all three to the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Tikrit, but Mc-Clelland said all three were expected to return to duty later in the day

McClelland and Command Sgt. Maj. Wayne Sanders, the task force's senior noncommissioned officer, piled into Humvees and raced to the site after checking on the wounded troops. They inspect-ed the area, then met briefly with Beiji's mayor before visiting the city's single-story hospital.

Anxious Iragis crowded the lobby and hallway, waiting for word on the fate of loved ones. Many of the injured were workers at the city's large oil refinery who had been riding to work on a bus that was in line behind the suicide bomber.

McClelland had used tanks to block off daytime traffic on Highway 1 in the city since Nov. 17 when a similar car bomb attack killed 10 Iraqis and injured 23 people, including three U.S. sol-diers. Traffic hadn't been halted on side streets, however,

"We've been doing this for three weeks, and the enemy fig-ured out a vulnerable place," Mc-Clelland said. "Obviously, a suicide bomber has one goal in life: to inflict as much pain as he can."

Beiji, a city of 125,000 residents 155 miles north of Baghdad that is home to two major power plants and an oil refinery, had been relatively peaceful until the past month. Insurgent attacks on Army patrols started large battles Nov. 9 and Nov. 14 that caused heavy damage to the city's business district

And on Nov. 13, rebels blew up a key bridge on a highway bypass near Forward Operating Base Summerall, forcing the Army to route convoys through the heart of the city. They also planted at least 60 roadside bombs during the month, more than twice as many as in any previous month in the past year.

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135 U.S. servicemembers killed in Novemb

BY ROBERT BURNS The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Fueled by fierce fighting in Falluiah and insurgents' counter attacks elsewhere in Iraq, the U.S. military death toll for November equalled the highest for any month of the war, according to casualty reports available Tuesday.

At least 135 U.S. troops died in November. That is the same number as April, when the insurgence flared in Fallujah and elsewhere

On Nov. 8, U.S. forces launched an offen-

Death toll matches worst month in Iraq

Fallujah since Nov. 8, although the Pentagon nas not provided a casualty count for Fallujah for more than a week

From the viewpoint of the United States and Iraqis who are striving to restore stability, the casualty trend since the interim Iraqi government was nut in nower June 28 has been troubling. Each month's death toll has been higher than the last, with the single exprovince and a 1st Infantry Division soldier who died of wounds sustained in a roadside

bomb attack Monday near Alazu On Nov 1 the official death toll stood at

Combat injuries increased in November due to the fierce fighting in Fallujah. Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., reported Monday that it received 32 advised explosive devices, or IEDs

U.S. forces have put extraordinary effort into countering the IED threat, yet it persists. U.S. troops in Fallujah reported finding nearly as many homemade explosives-over the past three weeks as had been uncovered throughout Iraq in the previous four months combined.

In recent action in Fallujah, troops found at least 650 improvised explosive devices, Bryan Whitman, a spokesman for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, said Monday. That compares with 722 found throughout

8 to regain control, they have found about a dozen IED "factories" and at least 10 surface-to-air missiles capable of downing air-



Group probes DOD for stun gun use on detainees

BY SAM HANANEL The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Amnesty International is asking the Defense Department whether the military used Taser electric stun guns on prisoners in Iraq or Afghanistan, saying it is uneasy about reports of mistreatment and abuse.

The human rights group said it made the request under the Freedom of Information Act after interviewing dozens of prisoners formerly held by U.S. forces.

"We do have credible evidence that certainly raises the question that Tasers might have been Shocking force

Taser International Inc., the

maker of stun weapons, has

growing concerns about

watched its stock soar amidst

whether the weapons are as

nonlethal as advertised. In a

report released Tuesday,

A Taser's electrical current

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Amnesty International says

stun guns are being abused

used," Gerald Le Melle, Amnesty International USA's deputy executive director, said Monday.

Marine Capt. Dan McSweenev. a spokesman for the Joint Directorate for Non-Lethal Weapons, said that the Army, "and to a limited extent, the Marine Corps," acquired Tasers earlier in 2004

Based on research and availdata. Pentagon officials "have determined that [the use of] Tasers are appropriate," Mc-Sweeney said. "They are fielded and currently being used.

But McSweeney said he could not comment on Amnesty's request, because the directorate is

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responsible for the development of nonlethal weapons, but not how they are used once fielded.

That would be a question for the services to address, or the units" that use the Tasers. Mc-Sweeney said in a Tuesday telephone interview.

Amnesty has long expressed misgivings about the safety of Tasers and whether they are open to abuse because they can inflict severe pain without leaving marks. The group has urged law enforcement agencies to suspend the use of all electroshock weapons pending the outcome of a vigorous independent inquiry into whether the weapons pose health risks.

Amnesty's request concerning prisoners seeks information on computer chips stored inside Taser guns that record the date, time and duration of each electric shock administered

The group also is requesting information about deaths that might have occurred after a Taser was used as well as train. ing materials and guidelines for how soldiers are to use the weap-

Device's use growing

From Korean Air flight crews to U.S. police and corrections officers, orders for stun guns made by Taser International Inc., are

pouring in The Scottsdale, Ariz., company even recently launched an ad campaign urging private citizens to arm themselves with the weapons, which temporarily paralyze people with a 50,000-volt jolt.

In a report released Tuesday, Amnesty International says stun guns are being abused by police and wants more scientific study done to determine whether the devices are safe.

Amnesty says at least 74 people have died in the United States and Canada in the past four years

after being shocked with Tasers. The group also says officers have turned stun guns on the men-

Taser International employee Lucy Lazarova assembles the law enforcement version of the popular stun gun at the company's headquarters in Scottsdale, Ariz. The company's stock has soared but there are growing concerns about whether the stun guns are truly as non-lethal as

tally disturbed, children and the

"Not only do we not know the of these weapons on impact human beings under various conditions, we are also concerned about the gratuitous use of these weapons," said le Melle.

Amnesty worried that "the deployment of Tasers, rather than minimizing the use of force, may dangerously extend the bound aries of what are considered 'ac-

ceptable' levels of force."

Taser officials bill the guns. which shoot two barbed darts whose current can penetrate up to two inches of clothing, as among the safest ways of subduing violent people in high-risk sitnations.

Tasers have a range of up to 21 feet and can also shock on contact, like a cattle prod. Department of Defense-or-

dered study cited by Taser compa-ny officials in defending their chnology does, however, also recommend more research on how Tasers affect sensitive or intoxicated people

The study, done by an Air Force laboratory for the Joint Non-Lethal Weapons Directorate at Quantico, Va., found that when used as intended, Tasers are safe. But it also said that, although uncommon, some severe unintended effects might occur after a shock. The military has not released the entire study, only an ab-

Taser International contends its products reduce injuries and save lives by giving police an alternative to lethal force.

The company says it has documented 600 cases of lives saved with Taser devices and that it has not settled or lost any lawsuits involving deaths or injuries related to the guns.

"Fact is ... this thing has been around for 30 years, never ever has a Taser been listed as the nrimary cause of death," said Smith, the company chairman.

AP writer Anabelle Garay in Phoenix and Stars and Stripes reporter Lisa Burgess in the Pentagon contributed to this

White House rejects Red Cross claims of abuse at Gitmo

BY ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS The Associated Press

GENEVA - The international Red Cross said Tuesday that U.S. officials have failed to address concerns about some significant problems in the treatment of terror suspects detained at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

But the neutral International Committee of the Red Cross, which is the only independent monitor allowed to visit the facility, refused "to publicly confirm or deny" whether details in a New York Times article about torture allegations were from its reports to U.S. officials setting out its findings during Guantanamo visits

A Pentagon spokesman in Washington, however, confirmed that Red Cross offi-cials have "made their view known" that the indefinite detention of terror suspects at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, amounts to tor-

But the Bush administration rejected the ICRC accusations that detainees were in any way abused at Guantanamo.

"We strongly disagree with any characterization that suggests the way detainees are being treated is inconsistent with the policies the president has outlined," said White House press secretary Scott McClellan on an Air Force One flight from Washington to Ottawa. Canada

McClellan insisted that Guantanamo de tainees "were being treated humanely, though he pointed out "the combatants that were picked up on the battlefield" seeking to harm the United States.

The Times said the ICRC has determined the U.S. military used psychological and physical coercion "tantamount to tor-

It said international Red Cross delegates found during a June visit to Guantanamo that U.S. authorities had devised and refined a system to break the will of the prisoners, using humiliation, solitary confinement, temperature extremes and force po-

Human rights campaigners said they weren't surprised by the allegations after the leaking of a ICRC report last May describing mistreatment of U.S. prisoners in

The international Red Cross also found that some doctors were telling interrogators about prisoners' weaknesses in "a flagrant violation of medical ethics.

"We have said, including publicly, that there are significant problems regarding the conditions of detention and the treatment of detainees in Guantanamo that still have not been addressed by U.S. authori-ties," said Antonella Notari, chief spokeswoman for the ICRC.

We continue our discussions with the U.S. authorities in this regard," she added, but said the agency was sticking to its policy of discussing the details of its findings with U.S. officials, because it found the confidential approach achieved the best re-

An agency statement said its policy of confidentiality "has made it possible for the ICRC to have repeated and regular access to those held at Guantanamo Bay and to speak with them in private."

Notari said it was possible that ICRC President Jakob Kellenberger would go to Washington soon to meet with administra-

"When the international Red Cross raises issues, we work to address those issues, McClellan said, but he sidestepped questions about whether the ICRC's finding had prompted further study by the administration or discussions with the Red Cross

The ICRC has been visiting Guantanamo regularly since early 2002.

The ICRC uses its exchanges with governments to make clear its concerns and recommendations regarding the situation in places of detention and to demand changes when necessary," the agency added. Guantanamo Bay is no exception.

Notari said the ICRC saw as a "useful step" the recent creation of the Office of Detainee Affairs in the U.S. Denartment of Defense. The office has provided a forum in which issues relating to Guantanamo Bay can be discussed "in a more timely and systematic manner Associated Press writer Scott Lindlaw contributed

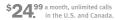
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IN THE STATES

Ridge resigns homeland security position

BY KATHERINE PFLEGER

SHRADER The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge resigned Tuesday, saying he was confident the United States is significantly safer than before the 2001 terrorist strikes

Ridge, who has warned that the country may face in



ror risks holidays and the Jan. 20 presidential inauguration, said he will remain on the job through Feb.

Ridge As the nation's first chief of the new Department of Homeland Security, Ridge presided over a collection of 22 disparate federal agencies and 180,000 employees. He acknowledged he could not prove

place since 2001 have foiled any terrorist attacks inside the United States but said he was certain America was safer.

"I am confident that the terrorists are aware that from the curb to the cockpit we've got additional security measures that didn't exist a couple years ago, that from port to port we do things differently with maritime security,

Among those mentioned as pos-sible candidates for Ridge's replacement are Bernard Kerik, interim Minister of the Interior for Iraq and former New York City police commissioner; former Fed eral Emergency Management Agency Director Joe Allbaugh: Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Mike Leavitt

and White House homeland security adviser Fran Townsend. Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary for border and transportation security in the Homeland Security De-partment, is also believed to be in-

terested in the job. Ridge defended the depart-ment's efforts to warn the public 'It's in our best long-term inter-

of possible terror threats.

est to share more information about the threat to America rath-er than less," Ridge said. Ridge, 59, has privately ex-

pressed his interest in moving out of the time-consuming, stressful post. However, those who know him said his loyalty to Bush was always a factor to consider.

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Mfume cites fatigue, exits NAACP post

BY WILEY HALL The Associated Press

BALTIMORE -Saying he needs a break, NAACP President Kweisi Mfume announced Tuesday that he's stepping down as the head of the nation's oldest and larg civil

rights group. The organization's legal counsel, Den-Hayes, nis will serve as interim president while a national search is con-

ducted Mfume



president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since 1996. Before that, he was a Democratic congressman from Maryland for nine years. He inherited an organization tarnished by scandal and burdened by a \$3.2 million debt and is credited with steering it into an era of stability and growth with corporate-style management techniques, includ-

"In my heart of hearts, I know the job has been done, and I step

ing cost-saving lavoffs.

aside willingly," he said. Last month, the organization's chairman, Julian Bond, announced that its tax-exempt status is under review by the IRS in an investigation he contends stems from a speech he gave in July at the NAACP's annual convention that criticized President Bush

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Investigators continue Tuesday to inspect the wreckage of a jet that crashed Sunday, killing NBC sports executive Dick Ebersol's youngest son and two other people, at Colorado's Montrose Regional Airport.

Body matching NBC executive's son found among jet wreckage

By JOHN MARSHALL The Associated Press

MONTROSE, Colo. - Investigators probing what caused a jet to crash during takeoff want to know whether it was desired before it went down, killing NBC sports executive Dick Ebersol's youngest son and two other peo-ple, a federal official said Tues-

They have not ruled out other possible factors.

"We do want to look at de-icing because of the weather conditions but we're not going to just focus on one possibility," Ellen Engleman Connors, chairman of the Na tional Transportation Safety Board, told CBS' "The Early

The plane carrying Ebersol and two of his sons crashed Sunday while taking off from the airport outside this small town 185 miles southwest of Denver.

snowstorm had moved Α through the area and there was light snow and fog at the time of takeoff

Digging through the charred wreckage, investigators on Monthe body of 14-year-old Edward Ebersol, youngest son of Ebersol, 57 and his wife "Kate and Allie" star Susan Saint James

Ebersol and the couple's oldest son, Charles, and the plane's co-pilot remain hospitalized and are expected to recover. Saint James and the middle Ebersol son, 18-year-old Willie, were not on the flight.

The pilot, 50-year-old Luis Alberto Polanco Espaillat of the Do-minican Republic, and flight attendant Warren T. Richardson III, 36, of Coral Gables, Fla., were also killed. The co-nilot was in critical condition at a burn unit in

Espaillat had a valid Dominican pilot's license, which he first obtained in 1977 and renewed as recently as 2000, said Francis Mesa, a spokesman for Dominican Civil Aeronautics.

Mesa said Espaillat had worked as a private pilot for individuals and companies in the Do-

The plane's voice recorder was recovered Monday. The jet did not have a flight data recorder.

Murder charges filed in deaths of 6 hunters

BY ROBERT IMRIE The Associated Press

HAYWARD, Wis. - A Hmong immigrant accused of fatally shooting six deer hunters in the woods of northern Wisconsin appeared in a makeshift courtroom Tuesday, a day after charges were filed against him.

During a brief five-minute hearing held in a basement room at the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department, Chai Vang, 36, of St. Paul, Minn., waived his right to a preliminary hearing within 10 days, and one was set instead for

Defense attorney Steven Kohn said Vang was mentally competent to understand the charges against him and participate in proceedings in the case He was charged in Sawyer

County Circuit Court with six counts of murder, each carrying a life prison term, and two counts of attempted murder. Wisconsin does not have a death penalty.

Monday said the hunters managed to shoot back once or twice after the Nov. 21 confrontation with Vang about trespassing on private land.

Two survivors told investigators that no one in their group nointed a gun at Vang before he opened fire, according to the complaint. Four victims were shot in

Bond remained at \$2.5 million, but Kohn said he reserved the right to address that issue later.

According to the complaint, Vang said that he opened fire after the others took a shot at him first and berated him with racial slurs. He allegedly told investigators he shot some of the victims because he thought they were going for guns or had guns, and that he did not shoot at others although he could see they were armed. Vang also told investigators he saw one of the hunters still standing, yelled "You're not dead yet?", fired a shot and ran. He had

eral hours later

The criminal complaint also said Vang told investigators that the victims fired at him twice including the first shot when he walking away after being told he was trespassing.

Two of the survivors, however, told authorities Vang fired the first shot.

"Most of us are just as confused and lost and stunned as we were when we first heard about it." the Rev. Jim Powers told mourners at a funeral service for Jessica Willers, 27. "We need to work through this and we need to help others work through it.

At another church, mourners paid their respects to Dennis Drew, 55, a father of three who grew up on a dairy farm, served in Vietnam and returned to raise

his family.
Those killed also included Robert Crotteau, 42, the owner of the land where the shooting happened; his son Joey Crotteau, 20; Al Laski, 43; and Mark Roidt, 28, all from the Rice Lake area

Chicago mayor's son enlists in Army

CHICAGO - Mayor Richard Daley's 29-year-old son has enlisted in the Army and soon will report for duty in the airborne infan-

"It's been in the back of my mind for some time," Patrick Sun-Times in Tuesday's editions. "I left West Point during my fresh man year when I was 18 years old and always remembered their motto, 'Duty, Honor and Country.' But I was so young and not really old enough to understand what it really meant. But I know

Daley finished college at the University of

Illinois and got a master's degree in business from the University of Chicago in June

He could have purlucra tive job offers, but he said the Sept. 11 at-

tacks played a role in his decision to enlist. "Dad is very supportive and mom is doing just what moth-

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ers are supposed to do, worrying about her son," he said.

The mayor said Tuesday that he never tried to talk his son out of the move. His only advice: Stand by your decision.

"I'm very proud of the decision he made," he said. "He believes that [the military] is part of public service."

Asked about his own feelings toward the war in Iraq, the Democratic mayor said: "You stand by the president; you stand by the men and women of the military.

The younger Daley is starting out as an ordinary enlisted man



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Storm kills hundreds in Philippines

BY PAT ROQUE
The Associated Press

MARAGUNDON, Philippines — A powerful rainstorm triggered landslides and flash floods that killed nearly 340 people in the eastern Philippines, officials said Tuesday, and rescuers raced to save those stranded in three coastal towns before a typhon strikes the hard-hit region.

Al least 150 people were reported missing, and the region was inspely unt off by landsidies and flootwaters that washed away bridges and moads. Helicopter crews dropped froof to residents huddled on nooftops. Authorities planned to send a coast guard boat to three stricken towns in Queson province, east of the capital, to deliver supplies or pick up evacuees. Forecasters predicted a new typhono riching off the Pacif-

ic coast could hit the area as early as Wednesday. Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman went to Quezon province Tuesday following the overnight

storm and reported that at least 306 people were killed there and 150 others were missing.

Thirty-two people died elsewhere, authorities said. "The current is still strong and the water is still high," Soliman said. "The rains caused the flash floods, and the soil could not hold up the water in the mountains."

In the village of Maragundon in Quezon province, workers used a tractor to try to clear a mudslide that blocked a road. Residents trying to return home got off buses and trekked several miles to reach the town, sometimes wading in waist-deep mud and water

Air force spokesman Lt. Col. Restituto Padilla said some towns in Quezon were inaccessible because

bridges had been destroyed by logs or fallen trees. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo was returning from a regional summit in Laos and planned to visit the storm-ravaged areas. She went to the region just last week after a typhoon and another storm killed at least 87 people and left 80 missing.



As other survivors look on, a rescuer carries a woman to safety after a storm hit Quezon province in the eastern Philippines on Tuesday.





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Pacific Rim nations OK talks on trade

BY IAN MADER The Associated Press

VIENTIANE, Laos - Japan Australia and two other Pacific Rim economies joined the rush to court Southeast Asia, agreeing Tuesday to launch free trade talks with the region's leaders hours after they clinched a momentous market-opening deal with booming China.

The four nations - also including South Korea and New Zealand signed accords with the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations at their summit in Laos to launch talks early next year, aiming for trade pacts within two years.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard stressed that his country bore no ill will toward Southeast Asian nations despite his refusal to heed ASEAN's calls to join its nonaggression treaty, which he has dismissed as a relic of the Cold War

towards anybody in the region,' Howard said

Some countries in Southeast Asia, especially Malaysia, have been wary of Howard because of his comments in 2002 that he reserves the right to launch pre-emptive attacks in countries if terrorists there threaten his citi-

But the retirement last year of former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who had often-icy relations with Howard, brought an improvement in Australia's ties with Kuala Lumpur, and its first invitation to an ASEAN summit

Mahathir's successor Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Australia will likely be invited again for next vear's summit in Malaysia.

Tuesday's accords came a day after ASEAN and China signed a pact aimed at phasing in the world's largest free trade area by decade's end - a sprawling market of nearly 2 billion people.

U.S. planning huge anti-Taliban offensive

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Thousands of U.S. soldiers are poised to begin a fresh operation against Taliban insurgents to prevent an expected spring offensive from upsetting plans for fresh Afghan elections, a senior American general said Tues-

The operation will begin within days of the inauguration of Hamid Karzai as Afghanistan's first di-rectly elected president on Dec. 7 — itself a potential target for rebel attack, Lt. Gen. Eric Olson told The Associated Press

"There could be an unhappy coincidence between the enemy's spring offensive and the parlia-mentary elections," Olson said in an interview at the main U.S. base at Bagram, north of Kabul.

Olson said the new operation, dubbed Lightning Freedom, would include an effort to tighten the Afghan-Pakistan border as well as Special Forces raids to snatch rebel leaders. He said the operation - which will cover the en

tempt to disturb militants in their "winter sanctuaries" so that they are in no shape to attack the parliamentary vote slated for April The military will be "attempting to attack him in those sanctuaries while he's resting and refitting,

tire U.S.-led force of about 18,000 -

staging and planning," Olson said. The new operation follows Lightning Resolve, a tect last month's presidential election, the first vote in Afghanistan since the fall of the Taliban in

More than 8 million Afghans voted, handing Karzai amajority that foreign donors bankrolling the country's democratic rebirth hope will bring stability after more than 20 years of fighting.

Still, violence plaguing the south and east of the country, where the militant are strongest, has continued. A roadside bomb killed two U.S. soldiers in Uruzgan province last week, and U.S. officials say insurgents continue to cross to and from neighboring Pakistan

To reinforce the frontier. Olson said the U.S. military would establish several new camps close to the border and said Afghan forces would also reposition "along and astride" routes used by militants. He also vowed to strengthen cooperation with Pakistani forces on the other side

U.S. Special Forces have already been moved to near the main Torkham border crossing in Nangarhar province, he said, where the U.S. military recently conducted several raids on suspected al-Qaida targets.

Olson said there was concern that militants could attempt a "spectacular act" during Karzai's inauguration. The event is expected to attract officials from around the world, though it is unclear who will represent the U.S. government.

Still, Olson said the military had no information on any specific plans to attack it.

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U.S. wreckage, bodies found in Afghanistan

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

KABUL, Afghanistan - Res cuers on Tuesday found the wreckage of a missing U.S. aircraft and the bodies of several Americans who were aboard when it crashed in snow-covered mountains over the weekend. Afghan police said.

The transport plane, which was carrying three American crewmembers and three U.S. soldiers, was located southeast of Bamiyan in the heart of the Hindu Kush mountains, said Ghulam Mohammed, a senior police official in Bamiyan

"They found pieces of the en gine and the wheels scattered on top of Baba Mountain," which rises to 16,600 feet and was covered in fresh snow, Mohammed

He said several bodies had been recovered from the crash site and taken to the main U.S. military base at Bagram, from where it had departed on Satur-

He had no information on the identities of the hodies found There was no suggestion that anyone had survived

The American military announced earlier Tuesday that the plane was missing and that search-and-rescue teams were struggling to reach the area where they suspected it came

A spokesman declined on Tuesday evening to say whether it had crashed or if any of the occupants were killed.



Indonesian plane crash

JAKARTA, Indonesia Lion Air passenger plane skidded off the runway and crashed Tues day during heavy rains in Central Indonesia, killing at least 31 people and injuring 62, police and air-

port officials said. The MD-82 plane took off from Jakarta with 141 passengers and five crew members aboard, air-line officials said. It stopped in the East Java town of Surabaya before heading to Solo where it skidded off the runway and ended up in a cemetery next to the airport, airport officials said.

The airplane came to rest about 328 feet off the runway and appeared to split in two.

Rudi Patrianto, the airport's chief of commercial administration, told The Associated Press that 31 passengers had died. Solo Police Chief Abdul Madjid

told reporters that 62 were injured in the crash, nearly 40 of em seriously.

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Search engines competing for travel cash

Internet airfare booking boom has 'aggregators' pushing into market

BY MICHAEL LIEDTKE The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Like a lot of frequent travelers. Kevin Pollard relies on the Internet to save money on airfares, hotel rooms and rental cars. The quest generally took him to the Web's most popular travel sites - Orbitz, Travelocity and Expedia -- until he discovered a new breed of specialty search engines that promise to dig up even better bargains.

"I am always looking for something that gets me the best deal out there with the least amount of effort," said Pollard, 56, an international marketing consultant who travels from his Metairie, La., home every other week.

Pollard believes he got just that with Mohissimo which he used to plan two recent trips. The San Mateo-based company and other so-called Internet "travel aggregators" such as SideStep, Cheapflights, Oixo, Kayak and Farechase are hoping to win more converts as people arrange holiday-season getaways.

"Many consumers are becoming frustrated with the online travel experience." said Mobissimo co-founder Svetlozar Nestorov. "Our goal is to make it better."

Millions of travelers turn to their computers whenever they plot their itineraries. Forrester

Research estimates that 29.4 million U.S. households will use the Internet to book travel in this calendar year, spending \$53 billion in the process.

Expedia, Travelocity and Orbitz have helped change the way people book travel by deploying sophisticated travel reservation systems that quote prices from most major airlines, hotels and rental car providers.

"The online agencies really represented 'Travel 1.0' because they democratized the process of booking travel and made it available to all of us," said Phil Carpenter, SideStep's vice president of corporate marketing. "The next generation is represented by the search engines. We're travel 'Travel 2.0.'

The travel engines say they are more consumer-friendly because they crawl the Web sites of travel suppliers more frequently, generating an even broader array of

After a selection is made, the travel engines send people directly to the supplier's Web site to complete the purchase. They collect referral fees from the travel suppliers, but those commissions generally fall about 50 percent below the costs triggered by a booking at three major online travel agencies - a difference

Surfing for cheap fares on the fly

A new breed of travel search engines is competing with popular sites like Orbitz, Travelocity and Expedia by linking consumers directly to the Web sites of travel suppliers. Here's a sampling:



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that leads to lower consumer pric-

San Francisco-based Qixo is the only travel engine that charges consumers to use its service.

Besides offering better prices the search engines say they pull fares from suppliers that aren't represented by the major travel agencies. Several travel engines include fares from JetBlue in their indexes. SideStep, the oldest travel engine, includes the entire

leader. Neither Southwest nor JetBlue list their fares through the online travel agencies - a void that has prompted many consumers to consistently visit three or four travel Web sites to ensure they are getting the best deal. The travel search engines depict themselves as a one-stop shop that provides a totally transparent win-

inventory of Southwest Airlines,

the industry's longtime discount

dow into industry pricing. The growth prospects of the travel search engines look even brighter now that Internet heavyweights Yahoo Inc. and America Online Inc. are moving into the

space. Yahoo bought Farechase for an undisclosed sum in July and AOL acquired a minority stake in Nor-walk, Conn.-based Kayak last

But not everyone is convinced that the travel search engines are bound for success. Although they do offer a few

month

convenient features, the travel engines still haven't proven they will be compelling enough to overtion and deeper pockets of Expedia, Travelocity and Orbitz, said Forrester Research analyst Henry Harteveldt.

The greater financial resources of the big three online agencies also give them the wherewithal to launch their own search engines if the upstarts become a threat in the next three to six months, Harteveldt said

Recent market share data illustrate the uphill climb facing the new travel engines. As of mid-November, the top six travel search engines held a combined 0.42 percent share of all traffic to online travel sites, according to Hitwise, an Internet research firm. In contrast, Expedia, Travelocity and Orbitz held a combined 16 percent share of online travel traffic, Hitwise said.

SideStep believes Hitwise data underestimate the usage of its travel search engine, largely because its users must download software to their computer desktop to find airfares. SideStep says its software has been downloaded more than 7 million times. The company plans to launch a Web version of its airfare search next month. SideStep already provides Web search of car rentals and hotel rooms.

Meanwhile, the online travel agencies seem intent on preventing the search engines from gaining any more ground than they already have. Travelocity. Orbitz and Expedia are becoming increasingly choosy about which engines they allow to crawl through the fares on their sites - and even banned some of the engines from using the data.

Mobissimo, for instance, only obtains agency data from Travelocity while SideStep only pulls information from Orbitz The search engines say they still hope to persuade all the online agencies to share their information, arguing that they can generate more business for everyone involved.

"The travel ecosystem is extremely dynamic," said Mobissi-mo CEO Beatrice Tarka. "We're just scratching the surface of what we hope to do."

MONDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

	INDEXES								
52- High	week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	% Chg			
10,753.63	9,629.87 2,743.46	Dow Jones Industrials Dow Jones Transportation	10,475.90 3.650.13	-46.33 +2.14	+.06	+.21	+5.8		
335.20 7.059.90	245.42 5.942.32	Dow Jones Utilities NYSE Composite	330.52 7.032.23	-3.06 -14.46	92 21	+23.84	+30.7		
1,408.46 2,153.83	1,066.28	Amex Index Nasdag Composite	1,408.78 2,106.87	+1.64	+.12	+20.04	+26.6		
1,188.46	1,035.28	S&P 500 S&P MidCap	1,178.57	-4.08	34	+5.99	+10.1		
642.33 632.77	515.90	Russell 2000	634.46	-1.40 +3.30	+.52	+10.94 +13.93	+10.9 +14.4		
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Alliant Technosystem		17	65.90	+.74	+14
Armor Holdings		28	42.83	+.38	+63
Roemn	80	16	53.62	- 40	+27
Computer Sciences		18	53.21	25	+20
Engineered Sup Sys	.04	23	55.67	+1.72	+1
General Dynamics	1.44	19	108.35	+.12	+19
General Electric	- 80	23	35,30	14	+13
Halliburton	.50	-	40.96	+.25	+57
Harris Corp.	.48	31	67.15	23	+76
Allied Signal	.75	21	35,59	13	+6
L-3 Communications	.40	22	72.96	+1.05	+43
Lockheed Martin	1.00	22	60.05	+.77	+16
NorthroG s	.92	20	56.46	+.19	+18
Raytheon	.80	45	39.86	+.01	+33
Rockwell Intl.	.66	22	46.82	+.59	+31
Segua Corp.	-	36	59,88	87	+22
Texas Instruments	.10	25	24.57	02	-16
Textron Inc.	1.40	32	73.00	14	+27
United Technologies	1.40	18	97.25	+.12	+2



EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Dec. 1) South Korean won (Nov. 30)	100.0
Euro (Nov. 30)	\$1,360
British pound (Nov. 30)	\$1.9
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3
British pound	51.8
Canada (Dollar)	1.1
Denmark (Krone)	5.5
Egypt (Pound)	6.2
Euro	\$1.3
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7
Hungary (Forint)	184.6
Iceland (Krona)	63.6
Israel (Shekel)	4.3
Japan (Yen)	102.8
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2
Norway (Krone)	6.0
Philippines (Peso)	56.1
Saudi Arabia (Riyal) Singapore (Dollar)	3.7
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6
South Korea (Won)	1,047.4
Switzerland (Franc) Thailand (Baht)	1.1
Thailand (Baht)	39.4
Turkey (Lira)1	429,000.0
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PRECIOUS METALS

INTEREST RATES

ing payment on any bills. While it makes sense to get credit-card bills paid quickly to dodge late fees as high as \$39, note that if credit-card issuers see that you're late on other bills, they're

rates.

likely to raise your credit-card "Even if you pay your credit

CBS MarketWatch

Why paying on time pays card exactly on time, if you fail to make any other payment -No matter how tight your budsay you don't pay your phone get gets this season, avoid delaybill, you pay your landlord late, you pay your mortgage late event of default under your credbump up your rate to the high de-

ents and Sensibility
Money tip of the day

that nonpayment becomes an it-card agreement and they fault rate," debt educator Karen Gross said, adding that creditors routinely monitor credit reports and other payment databases.

THURSDAY EVENING / DECEMBER 2 2004

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	J	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30		
6	AFN-P	●ESPNews	Pacific Report	Two and a Half Men Alan takes over housework. (CC)	Will & Grace "Fanilow" Quest for Barry Manilow tick- ets. (CC)	The Apprentice (C	C)	CSI: Crime Scene or Plastic?" Probing during a grocery sto	Investigation "Paper a multiple homicide are robbery: (CC)	Pacific Report	The Tonight Show	(CC)	Late Show (CC)		
7	AFN-ATL	(5:46) Oprah Win- frev (CC)	(:35) The View (CC)		(:17) General Hos- pital (CC)	Headline News	Judge Judy (CC)	Today (CC)				Legend of Tarzan "The Fugitives"	Asahh! Real Mon sters (CC)		
8	NEWS	Hardball With Chris	Matthews	The O'Reilly Facto		60 Minutes (CC)	1	Good Morning Am	erica (CC)			Headline News	Channel One		
9	SPORTS		 Pardon the Inter- ruption 	•Sports				 SportsCenter 		•Inside the NFL (C Friends Ross has	*	NBA Fastbreak (CC)	•ESPNews		
10	SPEC	(CC)	Everybody Loves Raymond A silly fight. (CC)	Summerland Ava le broke up with her; S to be interested in J	Susannah pretends lay. (CC)	feels torn about his	The Practice "The Good Fight" Bobby eels torn about his client. (CC)		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		Seinfeld George finds his perfect woman. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)		
		SpongeBob Ebert-Movies	Rugrats Ent. Tonight	That's So Raven	All That 2, Drama) Denzel Wa	7th Heaven (CC)	uall		Sabrina-Witch LE." (2000) Voices o	The Cosby Show	Home Improve.	Touched by an An "Aldrich Ames: Tra			
14	TMC	(4:45) * * s "Everybody Wins"	(:25) * * * "Evelyn	" (2002, Drama) Pier rgulies. An Irish fathe	rce Brosnan, Aidan	*** "Wild at Hea		icolas Cage, Laura D	las Cage, Laura Dern, Diane Ladd. A (:05) ** "Footloose" (1984, E				na) Kevin Bacon, Lori Singer, John Lithgow.		
24	PBS	Dragon Tales		The NewsHour Wit (CC)	h Jim Lehrer (N)	The New This Old nonball; framing pro	House Hour Can- igress. (N) (CC)	Antiques Roadsho gia" An Alabama Ini eight-gallon alkaline	destructible Doll;	Farming the Seas fish farming and its ronment and food s	impact on the envi-	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
25		UCLA Shorts: Im-	(:25) * * "Power as stridge, Kevin Ander er has an affair with	rson John Ralston J	Irama) Natasha Hen- ludith Campbell Exn-	* *% "Dark Blue" (Speedman. A corru	2002, Crime Drama) pt detective faces a c	Kurt Russell, Brends crisis of conscience. 'I	in Gleeson, Scott	* *% "Phoenix" (19	998, Drama) Ray Lio	tta, Anjelica Huston, ambling scheme. 'R' (Anthony LaPaglia. CC)		
27	A&E	ban Philadelphia dei uncovered. (CC)	ouble life of subur- ntist Larry Lavin was	American Justice Hill?" An teen's body trunk of her car. (CC	v is found in the	Police hunt for a ma	furder Checks In; Kill an who murders wom	er in the City; The Sh en in Iowa hotels. (C	opping Cart Murder C)	The First 48 Probin store worker docum Miami. (N) (CC)		Crossing Jordan T gant mentor compe her career path. (CC	he death of an arro- is Jordan to recall C)		
28	DISC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Superstructures		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced			
29	TFC	Wazz Up Wazz Up	Star Circle Quest	Maala-ala Mo Kaya	(In Tagalog)	(:05) Insider	Kumusta Kabayan			Morning Star	(:40) Masayang Ta	nghali Bayan			
30	CNN-I	Larry King Live (Co		CNNI World News		Business Internati		Asia Tonight	Biz Asia	CNNI World News	World Report	Biz Asia	Business Interna- tional		
31	GOLF	British Open High	nlights 1982	British Open High	hlights 1983	 PGA Seniors Challights 	ampionship High-	Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	Golf Channel Academy	•Golf Central	 European PGA G First Round. From 	olf Hong Kong Ope Hong Kong.		
32	TLC	Clean Sweep 'Live	and Let Go" (CC)	In a Fix "You Compl Room" (CC)	lete My Family	Overhaulin' "Museum Worthy" The team gets their hands dirty.		shals help Washing	shals help Washington state officials Danger Zone catch a murder suspect. (CC) Into the dang				um Worthy" The ds dirty.		
34	TOON		Dexter's Laborato- ry	Next Door	Justice League	Powerpuff Girls!	Cartoon Cartoon (Looney Tunes	I Am Weasel	What a Cartoon Show	Scooby-Doo, When			
35	ANPL	The Crocodile Hun snapped at, bitten a sorted creatures. (O	nd chased by as- C)	the animal kingdom.	. (CC)	Yellowstone Bisor tures, predators and the few remaining b	d disease threaten ison.	glected pit bull. (CC)			tures, predators and disease the the few remaining bison.				
36	сом	Comedy (Part 5 of 5) (CC)	tography. (CC)	The Daily Show Thomas Frank. (CC)	Mad TV Cafeteria w patrons with his con lish language. (CC)	nmand of the Eng-	Robert Smigel; Adam Carolla.	DA's probe climax- es. (CC)	South Park Stan is forced to play with losers. (CC)	Drawn Together A producer-initiated challenge. (CC)	Shorties Denis Leary. (N) (CC)	Woody Harrelson. (N) (CC)	Drawn Together A producer-initiated challenge. (CC)		
40	NGC-A	Riddles of the Dear The blood miracle of	f San Gennaro.	Snake Wranglers The black mamba snake.	"Irulas" Art of cap- turing snakes.	Built for the Kill 'F havior in the world's	s rivers.	ry ancestors did.	v as their 13th-centu- pire Johan Reinhard.		d.	structive volcanoes.			
42	SPIKE	World's Wildest Pol		CSI: Crime Scene I tice Is Served" (CC)		CSI: Crime Scene uation Day" (CC)	-	Hey! Spring of Trivia (N)	Hey! Spring of Trivia (N)	MXC "Hi Tech vs. Civil Service"	MXC	Prince of Persia: Warrior	V-Spot (N)		
43	FOX	Remington Steele (St. Elsewhere (CC)		The O.C. Seth tries friends do not know think. (N) (CC)	him as well as they	Jason represent the charity event. (N) (C	(C)	The Fox Report Wi		The Bob Newhart Show "Backlash"	The Bob Newhart Show Carlin asks Carol for a date.		
44	BET		Top 10 Live "Top 10		BET Style Ja Rule.	The Parkers (CC)	Girlfriends "Trick or Truth" (CC)	Soul Food "Man Tre in missing cousin ca	sse. (CC)	Club Comic View S (N)		BET Nightly News Black colleges. (N)	The L-Bow Room		
46	COURT	NYPD Blue Russell Martinez fear a boy his teacher. (CC)	is being exploited by	speed chase in lowa. (CC)	Cops Bizarre slow- speed chase in lowa. (CC)	The Investigators Stuart Heaton"	'The Wrong Man?:	Forensic Files Scam suspected in man's death.	Body of Evidence: From the Case Files	Gentleman"		Hollywood Heat (N)	"Eminem"		
48	STR-WLD		The Drew Carey Show (CC)	Asia	Friends (CC)	Smallville (CC)		Simple Life (CC)	The Simple Life (CC)	For Love or Money		Friends (CC)	Smallville (CC)		
50	LIFE	Rose's beau gets Dorothy a job.	The Golden Girls Rose's boyfriend buys a boat. (CC)				Raney, Josie Bissett, Peggy Lipton. A "Midwest Obsession" (1995 Kyle Secor. An obsessed sedi		essed seductress sta	lks a local farmer. (O	C)	The Nanny Fran designs costumes for a benefit. (CC)	The Golden Girls Blanche has too many tenants.		
51	ABCFAM	decide they're ready		Smallville 'Suspect cused of shooting Li	ionel Luthor. (CC)	"The Miracle Worker" (2000, Drama) Hall Strathairn. A dedicated teacher helps Hele		elen Keller learn to co	mmunicate. (CC)	Anyway? Weird newscasters. (CC)	Whose Line Is It Anyway? Press conference. (CC)	The 700 Club (CC)			
53	HIST	ventures "Com- mando Force"	True Action Ad- ventures Special Air Service. (CC)	X-1 jet breaks the s		on Pearl Harbor. (CC)						History vs. Hollyw Tora!" Days and hou Pearl Harbor attack	irs leading up to . (CC)		
57	STR-MV	Christian Slater, Sha her class-conscious		nager grows tired of	* * "Comic Book \ Michael Rapaport, \text{\text{N}} chants wage war ov	latasha Lyonne, Riv er a rare collection.	al comic-book mer-	quette. Juvenile deli	3, Adventure) Sigour nquents are forced to	o dig at detention car	np.	* * "40 Days and Josh Hartnett. A ba young man to give u	up sex for Lent.		
58	ADV 1	aster: Crash of the Airship Italia	Total Adventure Crossing Asia on a motorbike.	Total Adventure Kayaking journey.	Transversing the B Transversing the Bo new fashioned kaya	livian Antiplano in a k.	A Different Ball Game	global warming's im	g the Arctic to check pact on polar bears.	Italia		Next Wave Protect- ing an island jungle home.	Game		
59	MTV	MTV News Now 'The Evolution of Eminem'	The Real World "Philadelphia" (CC)	The Real World "Philadelphia" (CC)	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica Ken- tucky Derby.	& Jessica "Nick and Joe"	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica	Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica "Nick's Lawn"	& Jessica "The Newlyweds"	Happy Birthday Jessica Special (N)	The Real World Landon's ex-girl- friend arrives.	The Real World "Philadelphia" (CC)	The Real World "Philadelphia" (CC		
60	NICK	Juice "Rugrats/Sponge- Bob SquarePants"	Juice "The Wild Thomberrys"	Juice "CatDog/The Angry Beavers"	Juice "As Told By Ginger"	Scaredy Camp Ghost sleuths' final challenge.	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	SLAM: Speed Raci Zim	er X and Invader	The Brothers Gar- cia (CC)	Cousin Skeeter (CC)	Figure It Out	Legends of the Hidden Temple		

JAPAN TV

Morning

6:45 Between the Lions (3) 7:30 Disney (12)

Afternoon 1:30 U.S. Movie (1999): Silent Predators (2:00)(12) 5:50 News (6)

Evening 7:00 NHK News (1)

9:00 U.S. Movie (2001): Black Hawk Down (2:24)(12)

(2:24)(12) 10:00 News (1) 1:35 Football CX: Serie A/Premier/Liga Di-gest (8) 2:05 NFL Club (4)

2:35 Code Name: ETERNITY (4) 2:37 Best Hits U.S.A. (10)

JAPAN TV-BS7

Morning 6:15 World News 7:15 World News 8:15 World News 9:15 World News Hour 10:10 BS World Documentary: AIDS Outbreak in Mozambique 11:15 CNN News

Afternoon 12:15 CNN News

2:15 PBS NewsHour 3:15 CNN News 4:15 World News Hour 5:15 Asian News Evening 6:15 CNN News

7:15 News Today: Asia 8:15 News Today: World 9:15 Economic News 10:10 BS Documentary: Bhopal: Case Num-ber 99 CIV 11:15 NFL: New Orleans Saints vs. Atlanta Fal-

cons 2:15 Asian News 3:35 World Amazing Sports 4:15 Asian News 5:15 World News Hour

JAPAN TV-BS11

Morning 9:50 Aerobics 10:00 Classical Music: Lake Towada Concert

10:00 Classical Music: Lake Toward Concert Afternoon 3:00 Lonesome Dove: The Plains (r) 4:35 Railway Adventures across U.S.A. Evening 7:00 NHK News 8:00 U.S. Movie (1998): The Wedding Singer (1:40)

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7:30 Oswald #51 10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): John Q. (1:57)

10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): John Q. (1:97)

Afternoon

12:00 TV Series: Third Watch
3:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Eight Legged Freaks
(1:40)

Evening 12:20 South Park #100

1:20 UEFA Euro 2004 Soccer: Spain vs. Russia 3:20 Pro Boxing: Eric Morales vs. Antonio Barela

MTV

6:00 Wake Up 7:00 M Size Wedn 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Music

11:00 Top Choice

Afternoon
12:00 EMA: 10 of the Best Performance
12:00 EMA: 10 of the Best Performance
1:00 Tripped: Ashanti
1:30 Top Cholice
2:00 Pure Music
3:00 Top Cholice
4:00 Top Cholice Selection: Pop Star
5:00 Color Jam 2004

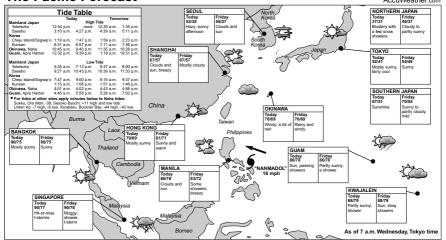
Evening 6:00 M Size Thursday 7:00 YATAI

7:00 YATAI 8:00 Pimp My Ride 8:30 Making the Video: Brandy 9:00 The Osbournes: Fashion Advice 9:30 M Size All Request 10:00 Pimp My Ride 10:30 Consensus: Ken Hirai

12:00 U.S. Top 20 with Super Dry 2:00 M Size Thursday 3:00 M Size All Request 3:30 After Hours

The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

Saturday: Periods of clouds and

sunshine, high 64, low 55 Sunday: Rain. high 67, low 46

KADENA

Saturday: Thundershowers, high 78, low 71. Sunday: Showers, high 76, low 63,

SEOUL

Saturday: Showers, high 51, low 28. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 42 low 27

MANILA

Saturday: Showers, high 86, low 74. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 74.

HAGATNA

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 78. Sunday: Showers, high 86, low 78,

Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/I OW	CITY	HIGH/I OW
Albuquerque	37/18	Los Angeles	67/40
Amarillo	43/20	Little Rock	51/32
Anchorage	36/26	Louisville	50/40
Asheville	55/46	Miami	82/67
Baltimore	54/44	Milwaukee	39/26
Birmingham	65/41	Nashville	56/39
Bismarck	44/18	New York	52/45
Boise	33/23	Omaha	36/19
Boston	49/39	Orlando	84/60
Brownsville	57/45	Philadelphia	53/44
Buffalo	46/39	Phoenix	62/36
Burlington	44/35	Pittsburgh	51/41
Charleston, St	C 70/57	Portland, OR	46/38
Charlotte	58/48	Portland, ME	43/34
Cleveland	49/39	Salt Lake City	27/16
Columbus, OF	49/40	St. Louis	43/30
Duluth	36/16	San Antonio	52/30
El Paso	45/24	San Diego	63/41
Hartford	49/36	San Juan	84/72
Helena	36/14	Tampa	82/64
Indianapolis	46/34	Tulsa	39/27
Jacksonville	81/58	Washington	55/43
Kansas City	34/24	Wichita	35/24



U.S. Extended Forecast

Flurries and light snow will fall from western New York into New England Thursday as cold air settles in behind a low pressure system departing eastern Canada. Another system moving across Canada just north of Montana will send some flurries or light snow into the northern Rockies, while its associated cold front will spread showers across western Washington, Meanwhile, high pressure will take control of much of the South and Southwest, providing dry and mainly sunny weather. As the Canadian system enters the Great Lakes region Friday, flurries and light snow will fall across Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, High pressure across the central and southern Rockies will keep the region dry for the start of the weekend.

Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

Thursday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY H	IIGH/LOW
Bangkok	90/75	lwakuni	61/47	Sasebo NB	66/52	Acapulco	92/75	Budapest	51/43	Kabul	39/11	Nairobi	80/53
Beijing	45/37	Kadena AB	76/69	Sapporo	37/31	Athens	63/54	Buenos Aires	90/70	Kiev	40/35	New Delhi	78/50
Camp Casey	55/35	Kunsan AB	58/43	Seoul	53/38	Auckland	77/57	Cairo	74/53	Kuwait	68/40	Oslo	36/26
Christchurch	71/44	Kwajalein	88/79	Shanghai	67/57	Baghdad	60/38	Cancun	81/68	London	45/34	Paris	40/30
Diego Garcia	86/78	Manila	86/76	Singapore	90/77	Barbados	84/68	Cape Town	76/60	Madrid	46/36	Rio de Janeiro	71/61
Hagatna	86/78	Misawa AB	41/29	Sydney	75/55	Barcelona	56/42	Geneva	46/40	Mexico City	72/48	Rome	62/49
Hanoi	80/65	Osan	56/38	Taegu	56/42	Berlin	39/32	Istanbul	60/48	Montreal	37/21	St. Petersburg	36/23
Hong Kong	79/69	Perth	77/51	Taipei	79/66	Bermuda	75/64	Jerusalem	61/43	Mogadishu	89/74	Stockholm	36/28
Honolulu	84/73	Pusan	58/48	Tokyo	52/41	Brussels	42/31	Johannesbur	g 82/62	Moscow	30/24	Warsaw	45/32



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Wolf hunts resume

AK FAIRBANKS — State officials have begun issuing permits for aerial hunters to kill wolves in parts of Alaska in an effort to boost moose and caribou populations.

The first pilot-gunner teams killed four wolves after the Alaska Department of Fish and Game began issuing the permits.

Officials want to cull about 500 wolves in various parts of the state to control their numbers this winter. Alaska's wolf population is estimated at 8,000 to 11,000 and hunters and trappers kill an average of 1,500 a year, officials said.

Firefighter accused

JACKSONVILLE — A fire-fighter was charged with plotting to entrap his chief in a phony rape scheme so his friend could replace him, officials said.

Edward Colleton, 38, was charged with conspiring to commit official misconduct and criminal solicitation. He was jailed on \$250,000 bail.

Police said Colleton tried to convince a former fire department employee to entice District Fire Chief Alonzo McQueen to have sex with her, then report she had been raped.

The woman instead revealed the plot to police.

Prison party restricted

NH CONCORD — There will be no family holiday party this year for prison inmates who don't have young children.

In the past, inmates at some prisons were allowed to invite family members for a cold-cut buffet, a gift exchange and photos with Santa

Department of Corrections Commissioner Stephen Curry has restricted parties this year to inmates with children younger than 18.

Corrections spokesman Jeff Lyons said the issue is money.

ACLU supports Web site

VA RICHMOND — The American Civil Liberties Union filed court papers in support of a New York man who runs a Web site critical of the Rev. Jerry Falwell.

The Virginia and national ACLU

The Virginia and national ACLU filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the Richmond-based 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in support of Christopher Lamparello, who runs the Web site fallwell.com.

Falwell, a religious broadcaster based in Lynchburg, sued Lamparello last year in federal court in Alexandria, arguing that Lamparello violated federal trademark law by using a common misspelling of Falwell's name as a domain name.

U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton ruled in favor of Falwell, saying the domain name was "nearly identical" to the registered trademark "Jerry Falwell" name and was likely to confuse Web surfers.

'Reverse 911' purchased X AUSTIN—Emergency per-

AUSTIN — Emergency personnel in Central Texas counties will soon be able to call and notify residents of an emergency.

Using a \$200,000 grant from Homeland Security Department, the Capital Area Council of Govern-



ments has bought computer equipment and phone lines for a system often called "reverse 911" that allows emergency personnel to call residents and play a recorded message with instructions in the event of an emergency.

ROUNDUP

Austin and Round Rock already have the system, which does not ring cell phones.

Council employees said they hope to have the system operational within 12 weeks in Travis, Williamson, Hays, Bastrop, Blanco, Burnet, Caldwell, Fayette, Lee and Llano counties.

Restaurateurs charged

NY NEW YORK — Six restaurant operators — including the owner of a pricey Italian restaurant in Manhattan — have been charged with offering bribes to agents posing as health inspectors, authorities said.

Campagnola Restaurant on First Aswene, where a meal can cost up to \$80 per person, was among the restaurants cited in the Department of Investigation sting. The restaurant's owner, Salvatore Lombardi, 43, allegedly offered agents \$250 to overlook violations including uncovered meat dripping blood onto the floor, the DOI said.

He and the owners of five other establishments in Manhattan, Brooklyn and Queens had been arraigned on charges of felony brib-



Sunset ice skating

People skate on an ice rink as the Ferry Building stands in the background at dusk in downtown San Francisco. ery and could face up to seven years in prison if convicted, said Emily Gest, a DOI

spokeswoman.
The DOI said the largest bribe offered was at Everfresh Joy, where an agent was allegedly offered \$600 after finding meat thawing among dirty dishes in a sink.

Man kills wife, self

LAKELAND — A man killed his estranged wife, then shot himself in the head in front of his three young daughters and sheriff's deputies.

Raymond Gans, 27, died a day after turning the gun on himself. The shooting occurred at a roadblock as the deputies approached a van where Gans sat with 3year-old twins Jordyn and Meikayala, and 1-year-old Bailee.

Gans was trying to flee after kill-

ing his wife, authorities said.
The body of Jennifer Jill Gans,
25, was found in a box of her belongings she had tried to retrieve
from the home of Raymond Gans'
parents, where he had been staying.

Youths arrested

PA READING — Some juveniles believed to be members of an international gang have been arrested for minor offenses in Reading, police Chief Charles R. Broad said, leading to concern that they may commit more serious crimes.

Recent reports of gunshots near Reading High School and an increase in after-school fights there may be linked to the gang known as Mara Salvatrucha, Broad said. He added that gangs that have been around Reading for a longer time commit crimes recklessly in an effort to prove themselves, but he said Mara Salvatrucha is more organized.

Chicks take flight

GRAND CANYON NA-TIONAL PARK — Two California condor chicks that were hatched in the wild have successfully taken their inaugural flights, officials said.

This is the second straight year

that California condors have hatched and flown since the birds were reintroduced into the wild in

Condors, the largest birds in North America with a wingspan of about 9 feet, were driven to near extinction in the 1980s.

Kentucky 'unbridled'

SIMPSONVILLE — "Kentucky: Unbridled Spirit" is the state's new name brand.

It was selected from four finalists in Gov. Ernie Fletcher's quest to give the state a fresher marketing slogan. The brand will be seen on government signs, stationery, souvenirs and state advertising.

Fletcher said after the announcement the new slogan was a good choice and one that he voted for personally.

Last month, the administration presented the public with four brand finalists. They were: "Kentucky: Unbridled Spirit," "Kentucky: Limitless," "Kentucky: Where Legends Are Born" and "Kentucky: Make History."

Kentucky residents and nonresidents were asked to vote on the state's new image.



Not in the Christmas cheer Mall Santa Joe Kutnyak
6-month-old Madisynn Templeton at Westfield Shoppingtown in
Vancouver, Wash.



Snow pie in the face Justin Randall, 9, is hit with a pile of snow by Dee Dee Lee while taking part in a snowball fight in Burlington, Iowa.



It's a leaf party! Children play with leaves in Fort Smith, Ark. From left are J'Lisa Thompson, 10, Brianna Thompson, 6, Maggie West, 8, and Ariel Mosley, 4.



Competitive surfing

Sunny Garcia of Hawaii shreds the lip to win the Vans Hawaiian Pro in Haleiwa, Hawaii.



Animated school spirit Shealena West cheers on the Alaska-Anchorage basketball team during a Great Alaska Shootout game against Furman in Anchorage



Hold on!

Diego Briseno rides a plastic skimmer down a snow-covered hill in Cloudcroft, N.M.



A gloomy ride home a motorist drives down Sheep Creek Road in Phelan, Calif., as clouds cover area, as well as the nearby Interstate 15 through the Cajion Pass.

Elevator death

NEW YORK — A 76-year-old man about to leave for a vacation in the Caribbean died when he fell down an elevator shaft in his Manhattan apartment building, police said.

Edward Helig and his wife were riding the building's freight elevator with their luggage when the elevator stalled between the 14th and 15th floors at about 3 p.m. Sunday, nolice said.

Helig tried to step out onto the 14th floor but slipped into the shaft instead.

It appeared the elevator stalled because the safety gate had not been closed properly, she said.

Home blast injures 2

SAN ANTONIO — An explosion at a Central Texas home has injured two people, authorities say.

The victims were airlifted from the New Braunfels area to Brooke Army Medical Center following the blast. They sustained secondand third-degree burns over 30 percent to 50 percent of their bodies. Their names have not been released.

Neighbors had reported smelling propane in the area recently, New Braunfels Fire Department battalion chief Frank Gonzales told the online edition of the San Antonio Express-News.

Cargo trains collide

FL RICHLAND — Two cargo trains collided head-on in west-central Florida, killing one person and injuring three others, authorities said.

About 10 cars derailed after the

collision in Richland, about 25
miles northeast of Tampa, said
Kevin Doll, a spokesman for the
Pasco County Sheriff's office.

Officials did not immediately

know what caused the accident.

Kids enforce speed limit

LEE'S SUMMIT — Police officer Jim Doiron is enlisting the help of Prairie View Elementary School students to catch people driving over the speed limit. Students at the suburban Kansas City school use radar guns on oncoming traffic to catch speed-ers. State and local traffic safety officials say they don't know of any similar programs.

Stealing from the poor

PA ALLENTOWN — A robber

swiped a Salvation Army kettle from the front of a supermarket, police said.

seriene rioward said that sine was ringing her bell to summon shoppers to her kettle in front of Ahart's Market when a man, wearing a scarf over his face, approached with something other than charity on his mind.

"He pulled up in a burgundy car and got out and told me to give him the kettle," Howard said. He "had a gun and he told me not to say anything." she said.

Howard said her kettle was "kind of heavy," but she didn't know exactly how much money was inside.

Ammonia spill at plant

WEST LIBERTY — Fumes from an ammonia spill at an eastern Iowa meat processing plant Sunday forced the evacuation of a three-block area surrounding the plant and made at least five residents ill.

Fire Chief Curt Newcomb said residents from around the West Liberty Foods plant were taken to an Iowa City hospital, but he did not know the severity of the inju-

The spill at the plant, which employs more than 1,100 workers, was blamed on a mechanical failure in a refrigeration unit, according to a statement from Gerald Lessard, vice president of operations.

The failure was repaired and no meat products were affected, the statement said.

Deportation confusion

OR PORTLAND — A 27-year-old woman from 27-year-old woman from South Africa, who was ordered deported after her American husband died in a car crash, is voluntarily returning to her country to tend to her sick father, further confusing an already entangled immigration battle

Carla Arabella Freeman was handcuffed, shackled and ordered deported at her immigration hearing in Portland in May, after immigration authorities discovered that she had been married to her husband for only 11 months.

Under immigration law, foreign nationals who are married to U.S. citizens for less than two years automatically lose their right to permanent residence upon their spouses' death.

widows — are currently embroiled in similar deportation proceedings.

Domestic violence laws

NC RALEIGH —Victims of domestic violence will have more protection from the courts when sweeping changes to state law take effect. New domestic violence provisions create a new crime of assault by strangulation of the court of the court of the court of the meanor. The strangulation offers could bring up to two years in priscould bring up to two years in prison for an offender, potentially preventing more attacks in the same relationship, activists said.

Drive-by kills 7-year-old

MI DETROIT — A drive-by gunman fired into a house, killing a 7-year-old girl who was sitting on a couch police said

A 38-year-old man was arrested after the shooting.

Family members identified the victim as Diva White. "She never had a chance to enjoy life or spread the love that I know she was going to spread to everyone," said her uncle, Immanuel Daniels.

The shooting grew out of a dispute of some kind, police said.

The girl's grandmother was home at the time; her mother was gone but returned home later.

Police say the suspect told a friend that he had carried out a drive-by shooting and the friend called police, leading to the arrest. Charges were expected to be filled.

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Don't 'bribe' Navy officers

The Navy's recent senior surface warfare officer critical skills retention bonus is being used to entice surface warfare officers to fill critical billets at sea and overseas. The Navy is going in the wrong direction on keeping top-quality officers in senior leadership positions at sea.

The billets listed seem to include the majority of the sea duty billets for the 0-5/0-6 surface warfare officers. It would benefit the Navy more to look at other ways to entice senior officers to command at sea and make this duty more desirable, rather than trying to "bribe them with financial incentives and bonus-

The Navy should look at other factors such as morale, command climate and work environment issues, which I believe are a major factor in why few senior officers decline command at sea.

One thing that makes the Navy different from the civilian job market is that we are serving our country and not necessarily just working for a paycheck. Navy leaders today are running the Navy like a corporation or as just another Fortune 500 company instead of viewing naval service as a unique and special calling that, at times, requires sacrifice.

Financial incentives and bonuses will not solve the problem of making leadership at sea a desirable goal. Improving morale and looking for the reasons why the Navy can't fill senior SWO command billets at sea is the answer to solving these manning problems.

> Bernard Michael Burawski, U.S. Navy retired Altamonte Springs, Fla.

Reasons for lock down

In "'Locked down' in Kuwait" (Nov. 27), the letter writer questions the abilities of multinational intelligence agencies and second-guesses his command's decision to keep him on post in Kuwait.

I am currently in Iraq and we, too, have contractors working with us. When we have actionable intelligence or historical data showing us that we need to close the base or wear our protective gear, we do so. The contractors do not fall under the military chain of command. Some follow suit, some do not, it's their call,

The writer's chain of command is acting on information it has to keep him safe and reduce the possibility of his getting hurt, killed or kidnapped. Just because he is not in Fallujah or Mosul does not mean that there are not real threats.

If his contractor friend is willing to ignore the direction of the military and risk her life for a cheeseburger, then I would hope she has a large life insurance policv

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writer to visit my camp in central Iraq Our intel people are doing a great job. It wouldn't take my S-2 more than five minutes to show the letter writer why we are concerned about terrorist activities in this part of the theater or his, for that matter

It's an atrocity that the letter writer can't go to McDonald's on any given night, but hey, there's always Pizza Hut and Starbucks at the Doha post exchange. If those won't do, I'll share my country captain chicken.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Chris Chance Camp Taji, Iraa

What's the 'spin' on wounded?

The Nov. 25 article "Principi: VA will look out for the 'wounded heroes' " cerning the Veterans Affairs chief's visit to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, stated the Landstuhl RMC has treated 20,802 troops for injuries received in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

In the same edition (Korea edition only in the Pacific), a separate article, "U.S. in-jured tops 9,000," quoting the Pentagon, stated 9,326 U.S. troops have been wounded in Iraq since the U.S. forces-lead invasion of Iraq in March 2003. These two figures imply 11,476 U.S. troops have received injuries in Operation Enduring Freedom. Is the article on the number of wounded in Iraq a spin? If so, who is being spun?

Larry Simank Amberg, Germany

Ukrainians lead the way

Seems that the world's best democracy is not found in my country, America, anymore. The example of a true democracy is happening before our eyes in Ukraine

After allegations of a fixed election, the Ukrainian people have intensified their protests by surrounding the presidential buildings and calling for an investigation while we as Americans just continue

business as usual after the second election in four years has come and gone amid allegations of fraud and voter suppression in numerous states.

We should be setting the example to the world, but Ukraine has beaten us to the punch. Wake up, America, our democracy is falling apart each and every day that goes by without a meaningful fight to restore some legitimacy to our elected president

Gabriel Rodriguez Yokohama, Japan

Not fighting for NBA

This letter is in response to the Nov. 25 letter "Pro athletes go too far": I found it incredibly insulting that the writer would close his letter by asking, "Is this what we are fighting for in Iraq?"

The writer was writing from England. therefore he is not fighting in Iraq. The fact that the National Basketball Association, National Football League, National Hockey League or any other sports organization is associated with this fight is ignorant.

The writer, like a lot of other people, used this forum to give their opinions validity. If the writer has served, or is being deployed down here to serve, then maybe he needs to rethink what it is he is going to be fighting for.

I and the other thousands of soldiers. airmen, sailors and Marines are fighting to keep terrorists out of America, not so a guy can make \$5 million a year playing a

Sgt. Nick Stansberry Tikrit, Iraq

Santa commercial 'absurd'

I am appalled at the Santa commercial that encourages e-mail letters to Santa because too many trees are being cut down when many letters are sent to Santa.

I would love to know whose bright idea it was to have this commercial put on the

Writing a letter to Santa is a Christmas tradition that has been around for years. doubt that the letters sent to Santa are harming our environment. This is a great way to celebrate with your child. The parent can see the child's handwriting, teach etiquette and the proper way to write and address a letter.

This is ridiculous that the government and Stars and Stripes have decided that they know better and need to use Ameri-can Forces Network to spread this concept. Please reconsider and take this absurd commercial off the air.

Ruth Hale Mainz-Kastel Germany

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Doonesbury







DPINION

Anchor's move makes things Rather clear

s any professor of journalism will tell you, television was once expected to put newspapers out of business. That didn't happen (for which I am duly thankful), but it certainly thinned the herd of af

Philip Terzian



ternoon papers. When I was learning to read, the prestige newspaper in Washington, D.C., was the Evening Star — which finally disappeared. after years of limping along, 23 years ago. TV news didn't replace newspapers; but one look at USA Today, or a typical front page in Anywhere USA, makes

its influence palpable

It's two generations later, and we're wrestling with the effects of cable television and the Internet. Both were expected to supplant newspapers and, quite possibly, then-Big Three TV networks: NBC, CBS and ABC. But that hasn't happened, either. ...

So life goes on. But it cannot be said that cable and the Internet have failed to influence the market. Television was first seen a revolutionary tool for education; few anticipated its effect on politics. Similarly, cable television and the Internet have sparked a revolution in journalism that no one expected. And if you don't believe me, ask Dan

Last week Rather announced that he will step down as anchorman of the "CBS Evening News" in March, having served as the network's principal news reader since 1981. (He will continue to be a correspondent for the popular "60 Minutes.") In the normal course of things, a 73-year-old's decision to quit a job is not entirely unexpected. But I am willing to bet that the decision was not his

Dan Rather has long been accused of political bias, and the revelation that a sensation-"60 Minutes" story about George W Bush's National Guard service was based on falsified evidence was probably one uproar too many for the network brass. Rather will be on his way to retirement (or past it) from anchordom when an independent inquiry into the disaster releases its findings.

There isn't enough space here to enter the argument about whether CBS, ABC and NBC - and most "mainstream" media in America — lean toward the left. My own view is that the evidence for it is substantial, and the explanation is simple: For whatever reason, journalism attracts more people on the left than on the right, and its institutional watchwords and biases are tilted according-

But the fact is that Dan Rather has tended to aggravate right-wing nerves more consis tently than his colleagues at ABC (Peter Jen-nings) and NBC (Tom Brokaw), and when that "60 Minutes" story was broadcast, the dam finally burst. Cable TV (especially Fox and MSNBC) and the Internet, in particular, exploded with dissenting views, pointed questions, contrary evidence and credible allegations of fraud

In the good old days, such anger and frustration would have been largely impotent, widely scattered, and safely ignored by CBS No longer. The clamor on the Internet soon migrated to cable TV and grew so insistent that the "mainstream" press could no longer afford to ignore the noise.



If this were 1969 and not 2004 CRS might have reacted as it did when its famous documentary. "The Selling of the Pentagon," was criticized for deception and multiple errors Citing a combination of the First Amendment, the people's right to know and professional self-regard, CBS airily dismissed its detractors and stood by its story. But that was 35 years ago. Jonathan Klein, a former vice president of CBS News (and the new president of CNN), derided bloggers as guys in their pajamas surfing the Net, and Rather cited "partisan" critics, adding that "if any definitive evidence to the contrary of our story is found, we will report it." Finally, they did, sort of — two weeks after everyone else had done so.

As far as journalism is concerned, this is not to say that cable TV and the Internet are unmixed blessings. But the mortification of CBS, and Dan Rather's timely retirement from anchordom, affirm a familiar truth: Competition pushes journalism — like any product — to higher standards.

Philip Terzian, The Providence (R.I.) Journal's associate editor, writes a column from Washington.

Senator knows most Floridians side with Scouts

sions, Democrats should pay attention to how their only major officeholder in the nation's key battleground state is trying to survive politically

Peter A. Brown



Sen. Bill Nelson, the sole statewide-elected Democrat in Florida, has decided that one way to get re-elected in 2006 is to side with the Boy Scouts against gays and the American

Civil Liberties Union. Seems an obvious choice to me, but one assumes in Democratic circles it has caused much angst. However. Nelson is just learning

from the master: William Jefferson Clinton, who had the genius to confront Democratic interest groups when they stood between him and the middle class — and victory at the polls.

These are many of the folks who fret about the Bush economy and worry about the war in Iraq or think the country is on the wrong track, but don't think Democrats share their values. That's why George W. Bush is in the White House and the Republicans control Congress.

Nelson understands that millions of Amer icans think the Democrats often hang with the wrong crowd and that, in the inevitable political conflicts, the party has made poor choices because of those friendships. He re alizes the best way to dissuade voters of that notion, at least in his case, is to publicly embrace a sworn enemy of those very same in-

That's why Nelson is trying to help the Scouts resist efforts by the loony left to restrict the group's ability to function

And let's not be overly cynical here. The

anyone with a brain, but he deserves credit, too, for deciding the Scouts' good works make them worth championing

The U.S. Supreme Court has told the ACLU it can't make Scouts accept homosexual leaders or stop them from requiring Scouts to believe in God. Talk about sore losers! Since then, the ACLU and allied groups have sought to nitpick the Scouts to death

Lefty groups have pressured charities to cut off money to the Scouts, and allied lawvers have looked for every excuse to cause trouble for them

The ACLU & Co. don't like that the Scouts exclude gay leaders for young boys and re-quire that members believe in God. In red

states, these notions are as American as apple pie. Last month, the Pentagon agreed to warn

its military bases not to directly sponsor Scout troops. The military did it to settle an allegation that the government was engaging in religious discrimination because Scouts must acknowledge the existence of a (nonsectarian) supreme being

In the ACLU worldview, that is a gross violation of the rights of atheists and, perhaps more important, it symbolize mentality the group would like to see banished from our shores

Nelson ... gets an A for understanding his constituents - the same folks Democrats need to win national elections.

Nelson has embarked on a tour of Florida in which he is meeting with Scout organizers to assure them that they will continue to get indirect military help in their efforts. He tells them that military personnel still can sponsor Scout troops on their own time and se military bases for meetings.

And he introduced a resolution urging not just that the Pentagon support the Scouts, but that it fund their jamborees. The resolutives 391-3, with the only dissenting votes from Democrats with the safest of seats. Nel-son says that if the resolution doesn't work, he'll get the support enacted into law

Nelson is taking a page from the gospel of winning elections in the South laid down by Clinton. In 1992, Clinton picked a fight with Jesse Jackson to demonstrate his independence from black leaders who historically have been strong Democratic supporters but whose policies and personalities have often alienated the much larger number of white voters

We'll see if Democratic activists hold Nelon's cozying up to the Scouts against him. If they do, the Republicans will be thrilled to see even more Democratic political correctness. As they say in treatment, the first step toward rehabilitation is admitting the prob

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J Horoscope

What's not to love about the Leo moon as it imparts its generous and regal energy, lending its passion and unique entertainment? All

right, things are sometimes just too sickeningly grand and dramatic to the level of exhaustion, but other than that, what's not to love? Get in touch with your inner royalty. Make a gesture

appropriate to the day. **TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**

(December 2). Your dogged determination in previous years will pay off this year! Watch your original ideas bear fruit. Continuing to encourage people around you is key to making the most of improved finances through March Countes make new rules in the spring. Singles: Be bold enough to make the first move. Lucky signs are Aquarius and Gemini.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be drawn to eccentric types

the sort who wear a hat and fox furs to empty the garbage. These folks have something invaluable to teach you about joyful living and could take you under their wing if you're willing to learn

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You're feeling detached, as though what's happening to you is actually happening to someone else and you're merely a witness. There's power in this frame of mind. You can honestly tell yourself what behavior needs changing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Everyone needs someone else for balance. You're the reasonable one now, so naturally, the unreasonable people are drawn to you. Remind that whining someone: If you work for the butcher, don't complain about the blood.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In order to give up a struggle, you've first got to recognized it as such. Are you flowing with the current, treading water or swimming upstream? A strong female will help you out if you

show gratitude LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sticking up for your rights is one thing, but causing turmoil when the problem is really your own is quite another.

Figure out what 's really bothering you. Then, instead of dragging another person into it, you can simply drop it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your circle of pals is feeling verbal,

witty and verging on rude! There are so many zingers being shot around that you'll feel like you're at a Friars Club roast! Be careful not to let the fun get out of

hand. LIBRA (Sept.

23-0ct. 23). You're a fanatic practitioner of fair play, feeling that if you don't make sure every one is getting treated correctly, there could

potentially be a problem To avoid resistance to your ideas, give credit wherever possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Sometimes, for the sake of making a relationship better, you must forget your quest to make a relationship better for a few days. A relationship is a living thing and requires breath ing room and time on its own to

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's practically no end to your optimism. Life may not be how you are seeing it, but isn't that the point? Ultimately, your sunny attitude will reduce stress and keep you focused on what's important.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). You instinctively know how to use the element of surprise. You've stashed tricks up your sleeve you haven't even used yet! In fact, you're the sign most likely to jump out of a birthday cake - metaphorically speaking, of course

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The constant assembling and reassembling of data gets overwhelming. You'll start to feel that the world is random and not connected - but then, you get over that in five min-

utes, and it's back to your usual hopefulness. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Get a conversation going between family members. You don't need to come up with the right answer

today, but it's helpful to let the talk take you on a trip together. The more thought provoking your questions, the better

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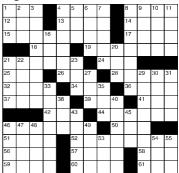
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Women: Check entitlement options

Dear Abby: You missed the mark with your advice to "Sad in the South." the woman who said she was miserable in her 35-year marriage to "Homer." She said she was afraid her "small pension" was insufficient to support her if she divorced him. You ad-Dear Abby

vised her to get a volunteer job that might turn into a paying position Abby, after 35 years of marriage, that woman is entitled to a significant portion of her husband's "very nice annuity" and any other benefits he will receive. She should consult a lawyer specializing in family law about her rights, if she's as miserable as she says she is, and then divorce him. Life is too short. She has al-

ready missed 35 years of it by

staying with a man who made

her so unhappy.

fense, I felt that volunteering would get the woman out of the house and give her enough of a boost that she would feel better. I was surprised at how many readers disagreed with me. Read



cate herself about the laws governing pension plans and Social Security, and the best way to do it is to see a lawyer. Then, like me. she may learn she has more coming to her than she thinks.

I not only have enough money to get by, I have enough to enjoy things I never would have experienced with my husband. I live comfortably in a retirement village where I pay according to my income. and I'm enjoying the new - California Lawyer friends I've made here. I was

sion, half the savings and stocks, and all of the household items. After his death a few months ago, my Social Security increased, so I went on a cruise with friends to celebrate. Everyone says my happiness is what killed my husband, who died an angry and bitter man.

My life has become a paradise, and everything I have dreamed of has come to pass

— Finally Happy in Indiana Dear Finally: It appears you're sitting in clover, while your husband is lying under it. I don't know what he did to you that makes you take such joy in the circumstances of his death, but I

wonder if the punishment fits the P.S. One woman to another: It isn't nice to gloat

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"You have to be strong to use an unabridged dictionary.'

STD leaves marriage on the rocks has lied to me about other things. We may Annie's Mailbox be headed for divorce,

Dear Annie: My husband and I have been married for 19 years During this time, he has had a series of what I term "inappropriate relationships" with women. He seems to have some deep need to rescue them. Although I thought his time would have been better spent with his family. I never believed anything sexual was going on.

Last fall. I went to the gynecologist and was horrified to learn I had a genital wart. It was surgically removed, and there have been no symptoms since. I have never slept with anyone but my husband. He swore up and down that he hadn't either, but he refused to go to the doctor. I gave him an ultimatum - get tested. give me some explanation or no sex. A year later, we're still at an impas

I can't believe my husband would lie to me about something so important, although I know he



and I feel like no other man will ever want me now. It's so depressing Is it possible to carry this sexually transmitted disease for years without having symp-toms? My doctor thinks my husband is lying. What do you think? I don't know whom to

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eased in North Carolina Dear N.C.: It's true that this virus often has no symptoms, especially in men, and can remain dormant for a long time. (For more information, contact the American Social Health Assn., P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709. ashastd.org.) However, that doesn't mean your husband is telling you the truth. Any man who'd rather give up sex for a year than be tested is likely trying to hide something. It's time to see a marriage counselor and get to the bottom of this

Dear Annie: I had a dinner party with several couples and set out a platter of veggies and dip. To everyone's horror, one couple kept double-dipping their veggies. How can some people not know that you're not supposed to put food in your mouth and then back into the dip? Everyone else backed away from

Would it have been wrong to point out their faux pas to them?

— Montreal, Quebec

Dear Montreal: Yum. Double-dipping is a good way to transmit germs, and spoons should be provided so people can dish some dip onto their plates. If a guest "forgets" to do so, say, "Oh, I must have forgotten to put out a spoon for the dip. I'll just whisk this away and bring a fresh container

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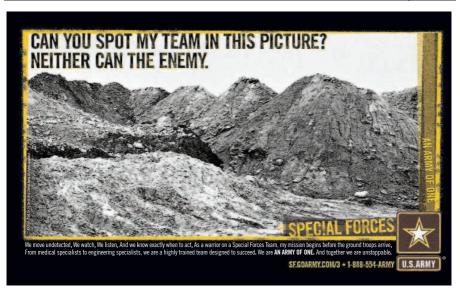




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Mid-American Conference championship,
Miami, Ohio vs. Toledo at Detroit (did).

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College football

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 27, total points based on 25, points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and evolution ranking.

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College football schedule

Thursday, Dec. 2 Mid-American championship, Toledo (8-3) at Miami (Ohio) (8-3) Saturday, Dec. 4 EAST Army (2-8) vs. Navy (8-2) at East Ruther-ford, NJ

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Virginja Tech, (9-2) at Miami (8-2)
Ark, Pine Bluff (6-2) at Alabama St. (8-2)
Louisville (9-1) at Tulane (5-5)
Fla. International (3-6) at Florida Atlantic
(8-3) (8-3)
SEC championship, Tennessee (9-2) at Auburn (11-0) at Atlanta
California (9-1) at Southern Miss.
MIDWEST

Big 12 championship, Colorado (7-4) at Oklahoma (11-0) at Kansas City, Mo. FAR WEST

Southern Cal (1-0) at UCLA (6-4) Michigan SL (5-6) at Hawaii (6-5) HAP Playoffs Quarterfinals Delaware (9-3) at William & Mary (10-2) James Madison (10-2) at Furman (10-2) New Hampshire (10-2) at Montana (10-2) Sam Houston State (10-2) at Eastern Wash-ington (9-3)

Saturday, Dec. 11 SWAC championship, Alabama State vs. TBA at Birmingham, Ala.

Division I-AA playoffs

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 4
Delaware (9-3) at William & Mary (10-2)
James Madison (10-2) at Furman (10-2)
New Hampshire (10-2) at Montana (10-2)
Sam Houston State (10-2) at Eastern Wasl
Igton (9-3)

Semifinals

Friday, Dec. 10 or Saturday, Dec. 11

S penaware-william & Mary winner ames Madison-Furman winner Championship Friday, Dec. 17 At Finley Stadium/Davenport Field Chattanooga, Tenn. Semifinal winners

Division II playoffs Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 4 West Chester (11-3) at Valdosta State (11-1)

North Dakota (11-2) at Pittsburg St. (13-0) Championship
Saturday, Dec. 11
At Braly Municipal Stadium
Florence, Ala.
North Dakota-Pittsburg St. winr
West Chester-Valdosta State winner

Division III playoffs

Quarterfinals
Saturday, Dec. 4
Delaware Valley (12-0) at Rowan (9-2)
Mary Hardin-Baylor (11-1) at Washing
Jefferson (12-0)
Carthage (11-1) at Mount Union (11-0)
Occidental (10-1) at Linfield (10-0)

Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 11
Occidental-Linfield winner vs. Delaware
Valley-Rowan winner
Mary Hardin-Baylor-Washington & Jefferson winner vs. Carthage-Mount Union win-

Championship Saturday, Dec. 18 Stagg Bowl At Salem Stadium

College basketball

AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking: Record Pts Pvs

Wake Forest (40) Kansas (18)	2-0	1,737	12 43 56 78	
3. Syracuse (4)	5-0	1,582	á	
4. Georgia Tech (7)	3-0	1.580	3	
5. Illinois (1)	4-0	1.540	5	
6. Oklahoma St. (2)	3-0	1.420	6	
7. Connecticut	1-0	1,329	7	
8. Kentucky	3-0	1,284	.8	
9. North Carolina	4-1	1,134	11	
10. Duke 11. Michigan St.	3-0	1,129	10	
12. Maryland	3-0	1.018	13	
13. Pittsburgh	3-0	787	16	
14. Washington	4-0		16 22	
15. Mississippi St.	5-1	743	14	
16. N.C. Stafe	4-0	722	17	
17. Louisville	3-1	584	12	
18. Texas 19. Florida	3-1	507 447	15 23	
20. Notre Dame	3-0	442	23	
21. Arizona	3-0	413	18	
22. Alabama	4-1	381	19	
23. Iowa	3-1	367	=	
24. Virginia	4-0	235	_	
25. Wisconsin	2-1	114	20	
Others receiving votes:	Gonzaga	65, Çîn	cin-	
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Monday's men's scores

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Chattanooga 82, Brevard, N.C. 42 Coker 78, Morris 71 ETSU 82, King, Tenn. 48 Georgia St. 85, Louislana-Lafayett Hampden-Sydney 73, Longwood 6 Harding 90, Ala-Huntsville 74 Loyola, N.O. 64, Millsaps 50 Loyola, N.O. 64, Millsaps 50 McNeese St. 71, Spring Hill 43 Mercer 103, Georgia Southern 94, 20T Miami 84, Florida Atlantic 68 Middle Tennessee 66, Belmont 47 Mississippi Delta CC 79, East Central 60

N.C. Central 59, Clayton St. 58 N.C. State 60, Purdue 53 North Georgia 114, Lee 102 Pikeville 77, Spading 60 Portland 51, St. Howged 53 St. Howged 53 S.C.-Upstate 85, Limestone 73 South Florida 89, Bethune-Cookman 64 Southeastern, Fla. 83, Kentucky Christian

Tenn-Martin 87, Bethel, Tenn. 46 Tennessee 73, Wofford 67 The Citadel 80, Chowan 61 UAB 66, Louisiana Tech 54

UAB 66, Louisiana Tech 54
Va. Wesleyan 79, Salisbury 54
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Blackburn 55, Millikin 44
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10 Miami (Ohio) 79, Findlay 66 Missouri Valley 81, Ottawa, Kan. 53 Ohio 81, San Francisco 66 Pittsburg 5t. 87, Evangel 56 Rockford 88, North Park 56 Southwestern, Kan. 88, York, Neb. 66 St. Olaf 79, Martin Luther Dicago 64 William Jewell 72, Benedictine, Kan. 61

William Jewell 72, Benedictine, Kan. 61 SOUTHWEST 5 Angelo St. 98, SW Christian 5 Mary Hardin-Baylor 89, U. of the Ozarks 76 Mississippi College 91, Howard Payne 74 Oklahoma St. 76, SMU 57 Texas 86, Coppin St. 50 FAR WEST Hawaii 66, S. Illinois 64 Portland 93, Cal Poly-SLO 65

AP Women's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-peck through Nov. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through nov. and the point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking: Record Pts Pvs

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Notre Dame	0-0	948		-
Tennessee	4-1	923	1 7 3	
Stanford	5-0	919	- /	
Georgia	4-1	857	3	
Texas (1)	2-2	840	4	
Connecticut	1-1	805	8	
Baylor Duke	3-1	777	9	
Duke	5-1	726	10	
Ohio St.	5-1	669	11	9
Texas Tech	1-1	529	12	-
Vanderbilt	4-0	527 496	14	
Purdue	3-0	496	15	- 1
Michigan St.	4-1	493	13	- 1
Rutgers	4-0	395	17	- 1
DePaul	4-0	388	19	
Minnesota	4-1	364	18	
Kansas St.	3-1	306	16	
Boston College	3-1	294	20	
Louisiana Tech	2-0	188	23	
Mandand	3-1	169	22	
Maryland TCU	5-1	147		
Villanova	3-1	90	24	
UCLA	3-1	88	24	9
Others receiving untes	Oklaho	200	Ari-	- 1

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 84, Ari zona 41, Iowa 27, N.C. State 18, Oklahoma SI 17, Houston 16, Utah 12, Arizona St. 8, Nev 17, HOUSTON 16, UTAIN 12, ANIZONIA 31, G. M. Mexico 8, Wis.-Green Bay 8, Richmond 6, Mi dle Tennessee 4, Penn St. 4, Chattanooga Montana 3, West Virginia 3, Temple 2, Was ington 2, Iowa St. 1, Oregon 1.

Monday's women's scores

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SPOWND PAINT SOUTHERN Wesleyan 78
Charleston South, Carolina A&T 48
Delta St. 70, North Alabama 50
East Central 74, Mississippi Delta CC 63
Gardner-Webb 64, Jackspowille 53
Harding 79, Ala-Huntsville 74
Kentucky Christian 79, Southeastern, Fla.

Lee 63, North Georgia 61 McNeese St. 71, New Orleans 52 Meredith 55, Guilford 53 Mount Olive 84, Newport News 43 Oglethorpe 82, Spelman 51 Sewanee 74, Huntingdon 44

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High school

Japan

Girls basketball
Friday's summary
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al 32 tional 32 Leading scorers—Seisen, Rei Ryan 10, Tere-sa Molina 8

College soccer

Men's Division I tournament

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Priday, Dec. 10
Duke-Virginia winner vs. Virginia Commonwealth-UC Santa Barbara winner
St. John's-Maryland winner vs. Tulsa-Indiana winner

Women's Division I tournament

Women's College Cup
At Cary, N.C.
Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 3
UCLA (17-6-0) vs. Princeton (19-2-0)
Santa Clara (18-42) vs. Notre Dame

Final

Santa Clara-Notre Dame winner vs.

College hockey

NCAA Division I poll

MINNEAPOLIS — Top teams in the NCAA Di-vision I men's ice hockey poll, compiled by U.S. College Hockey Online, with first-place votes in parentheses, reo 28, points, and previous ra Record Pts Pvs 10-3-0 596 3 6-2-2 527 4

1. Minnesota (36) 2. Boston College (2) TO PROHIBIT HARD-LIQUOR

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3. Colorado College (2)

12. Cornell 13. Colgate 14. Minnesota-Duluth 15. Northern Michigan 12 Others receiving votes: Boston University 37, Nebraska-Omāha 32, Bowling Green 13, Michigan State 6, Harvard 5, St. Cloud State 4, Dartmouth 2, Minnesota State 2, Union, N.Y. 1.

Boxing Fight schedule

Dec. 2

At Northern Quest Casino, Airway Heights, Wash., Felix Cora Jr., Galveston, Texas, vs. James Elizalde, Corpus Christi, Texas, 12, for Cora's USBA cruiserweight title.

AT Bell Centre, Menca, Eric Lucas, Montreal, vs. Tony, Menefee, Lincoln, Neb., 10, AE Enterfainment Center, Laredo, Texas, AE Enterfainment Center, Laredo, Texas, AE Enterfainment Center, Laredo, Texas, Estado Menca, Venezuela, vs. Martín Castillo, Mexico, 12, for Munoz's WBA super flyweight title.

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At The Pechanga Resort and Casino, Te-ecula, Calif. (FSN), Michael Moorer, Mones-en, Pa., vs. Vassiliy Jirov, Phoenix, 12, heavy-eights.

weights.

Dec. 11

At Sao Paulo, Brazil, Valdemir Pereira, Brazil, vs. Ariel Elias, Argentina, 12, for the vacant. WBA Fedalatin featherweight title; Acelino Freitas, Brazil, vs. Fernando Sauce-

Acelino Freitas, Brazil, vs. Fernando Sauce-do, Argentina, 10, lightweights; Daniel Bispo, Brazil, vs. Lino Barros, Brazil, 10, cruiser-weights. At The Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las Yegas, Vitali Klitschko, Ukraine, vs. Danny Williams, Britain, 12, for Klitschko's WBC heavyweight title; Miguel Cotto, Puerto Rico,

vs. Randall Bailey, Miami, 12, for Williams' WBO junior welterweight title; Carlos Her-nandez, West Covina, Calif., vs. Juan Carlos Ramirez, Mexico. 10, super featherweights.

Deals

Monday's transactions

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with C
Doug Mirabell on a two-year contract.

KANSAS CITY BOYALS—Named Billy CardKANSAS CITY BOYALS—Agreed to terms

MILIVAJUKEE BREVERS—Agreed to terms

VINITE BAILTHONE Agreed to terms with CHONTREAL EXPOS—Agreed to terms with C Gary Bennett on a one-year contract. SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with LHP Dennys Reyes on a one-year contract. FORT WORTH CATS—Released C Jon Martin

hall. SAN ANGELO COLTS—Released OF Tony ames, RHP Bob Runyan and INF Matt anchez.

BASKETBALL nal Basketball Association National Basketball Association CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Placed F-C Jamal amnson on the injured list. Activated F

ampson on the injured list. Activated F amar Slay from the injured list. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Activated F-C nderson Varejao from the injured laced F-C Scott Williams on the injured MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Waived G Ant National Basketball Development League ROANOKE DAZZLE—Acquired F Terrence hannon from NBDL player pool. Waived I

Shannon from NBDL player pool. Walved F George Williams. Continental Basketball Association MCHIGAN MAYHEM—Signed G Darrick

artin, ROCKFORD LIGHTNING—Signed G Carson unningham, Waived G Teddy Dupay. cunningham. Walved G Teddy Dupay.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed TE Alge Crumler to a six-year contract extension.
CHICAGO BEARS—Signed QB Jeff George
a one-year contract.

o a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed CB Rashad auman on injured reserve. Signed DL Greg cott from the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed LB Andra Davis on injured reserve.

DENVER BRONCOS—Placed CB Lenny DENVER* BRONCOS—Placed CB Lenny
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Favre, Pack have a lot to celebrate

BY ARNIE STAPLETON The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Brett Favre's fired-up teammates helped make his latest milestone a memorable one.

Favre celebrated his 200th straight regular-season start with three touchdown passes and yet another record in the Green Bay Packers' 45-17 rout of the St. Louis Rams on Monday night

"I'm humbled by it." Favre said. "It is an honor to put on an NFL uniform. Just to suit up once is a dream and everything I've done after that is a bonus. I'm living a dream every

Backup tailback Najeh Davenport rushed for 178 yards and rookie cornerback Ahmad Carroll, the Packers' top draft pick, had his first career fumble recovery, touchdown and interception as the Packers (7-4) won their

sixth straight. "When you get drafted by Green Bay, the first thing you think of is playing with Brett Favre," Carroll said. "When I go home, the first question people ask me is, 'How does it feel playing with Brett Favre? What did he say in practice? How is he?"

"He is not like other people in the NFL."

That's for sure. Favre's record streak of starts moved to 219, counting playoffs, and is almost 100 more than Ron Jaworski's previous NFL quarterback mark of 123.

Favre took over for an injured Don Maikowski on Sept. 27, 1992. Since then, 11 of his backups have gone on to start for another team. Last week, Eli Manning became the 178th quarterback to have started a game in the NFL since Favre last came off the bench. The Rams have had 13 quarterbacks in that span.

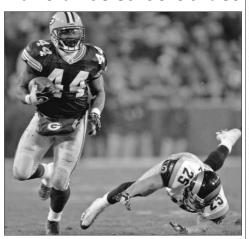
Favre didn't like the hoonla surrounding his 200th regular-season start.

"It was a lot of pressure to perform," he "I didn't need all the added attention. [But] I treated this no different than any other game

Davenport said after the fifth-highest single-game rushing total in franchise history that he was just glad to be a part of Favre's

"Brett Favre is unbelievable. It's a great honor to play with him." Davenport said.

Favre topped 20 touchdown passes for the 11th straight season, breaking a tie with Dan Marino on a 7-yard toss to tight end Bubba Franks in the second quarter that made it 14-3. He also threw touchdown passes to Javon Walker and Donald Driver



Packers running back Najeh Davenport leaves Rams safety Rich Coady behind on a 40-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter. Davenport rushed for 179 yards in place of Ahman Green.

Ahman Green was out with injured ribs. But Davenport came up with a strong imitation, gaining 178 yards on 19 carries in his first NFL start even though he had two sore hamstrings and injured his ribs, too, on his third carry.

Marc Bulger threw for more yards - 448 against Green Bay than any quarterback ever, completing 35 of 53 passes, but he was overshadowed by Favre and St. Louis (5-6) missed a chance to tie Seattle atop the NFC West.

"Any time you play against Brett Favre, you're not going to get the spotlight," Bulger said. "It was his night."

Isaac Bruce caught nine passes for 170

vards and a touchdown but his two fumbles were returned for touchdowns, one by Carroll to start the scoring and one by Michael Hawthorne to cap the rout in the final minute.

Bruce's 4-yard TD catch just before halftime brought St. Louis to 21-10, and in the third quarter Martz made a questionable call - a fake field goal when a 42-yarder by Jeff Wilkins would have made it a one-possession game. Wilkins was stuffed 12 yards shy of the first down on fourth and 7

Not only did the Rams get nothing out of a nearly eight-minute drive, but the Packers went 71 vards in four plays, capped by Driver's touchdown that gave Green Bay a 28-10

NFL scoreboard

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ıffalo	5	6	0	.455	218	19	
iami	2	9	0	.182	164	22	
	South						
dianapolis	8	3	0	.727	380	23	
cksonville	6	5	0	.545	182	20	
ouston	5	6	0	.455	229	26	
nnessee	4	7	0	.364	207	24	
	North						
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McNair hints he's thinking about retiring

BY TERESA M. WALKER

The Associated Press NASHVILLE, Tenn. — To be

clear, Steve McNair never used the word retirement. But the co-MVP in 2003 sent a clear message that he's hurting and this time the physical pain

mixed with a losing season has the Tennessee quarterback thinking about quitting. "I feel like at this point in time you have to take a hard look at it,' McNair said after a 31-21 loss to the Houston Texans on Sunday that ended the Titans' playoff hopes and put them in the AFC

South cellar "Back in the days. I used to play and play well when I was hurt, but at the same time it has taken a toll. I just have to look at it and evaluate myself, but I'm going to continue to work hard this season and do the best I can do to try and win five ballgames."

McNair's comments until the team was on the way to the airport in Houston. He spoke with his quarterback Sunday night and again Monday and feels McNair, who turns 32 on Feb. 14, was simply frustrated.

"I know how he feels. When you go from where he was last year to the situation that we are in as a team, there's frustration, And then you add the physical issues with him, I was not surprised whatsoever. He does not like losing football games," Fisher said.

McNair who was not available Monday, has become known for his ability to play through pain. He has a full page in the Tennes-see media guide that details his 24 injuries and six operations or procedures before this season.

He went 5-0 in December 2002 despite not practicing once with back spasms, turf toe and strained ribs. Six weeks after

ack surgery in 1999, he led the Titans to their only Super Bowl annearance. This season hasn't come any-

where close to what McNair wanted as an MVP follow-up.

While co-MVP Peyton Manning of Indianapolis, whom the Titans (4-7) play Sunday, is on a record-setting pace, McNair has thrown two more interceptions (nine) through seven games than he did all last season. A bruised sternum kept him out of two games and parts of two others, and his passer rating of 73.1 puts him behind 23 NFL quarterbacks.

McNair opened Sunday's game looking like the quarterback who led the NFL in passer rating in 2003. He hit his first seven passes and threw three touchdown passes in the first half. In the second half, he lost two fumbles and was intercepted once, and he publicly blamed himself after the loss.

"You get to wondering if things continue to be that way, you have

season to see what you're going to do." McNair said. Asked if that meant not return-

ing in 2005, McNair said he is just evaluating. Does that mean he will consider quitting? "That's up to me," he said. "Like

I said. I'll evaluate myself at the end of the season, and we'll see. The comments didn't surprise Colts coach Tony Dungy, who said he got the impression from McNair at last February's Pro Bowl that the quarterback wasn't

the type of guy to play forever. "He's been to the Super Bowl, he went to the Pro Bowl last year, he's finally been the MVP of the league, and I'm sure he wants to get to another Super Bowl. But I didn't get the sense that he was looking to play 10 years down the road. I think he had some things

The quarterback is under con-tract through 2009 and due a \$50 million option bonus after the 2005 season.

in mind," Dungy said.

Davis resigns from last-place Browns

Four-year tenure marked by nagging injuries, close losses

BY TOM WITHERS

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland Browns coach Butch Davis resigned under pressure Tuesday, leaving a last-place team with five games left in a sinking season filled with close losses and costly injuries.

The Browns dropped their fifth straight game on Sunday, 58-48 at Cincinnati. The team went 24-36 and made the playoffs just once in Davis' four seasons as head coach.

Davis left with three years remaining on a contract worth about \$12 million. Browns president John Collins said the team worked out a financial buyout with Davis, but did not reveal any details of the settlement.

Collins said he was surprised when Davis' agent, Marvin Demoff, informed the team Monday night of Davis' intention to resign.

"This was Butch's decision," said Collins. "I'm personally disappointed."

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Collins said the Browns will immediately begin a search for a general manager before they hire a new coach.

Offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie will coach the Browns for the rest of the season. His first game won't be an easy one: The Browns host the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots on Sunday.

"He picked a hell of a week to make this decision," joked Robiskie, who served as Washington's interim coach for three games in 2000 after the Redskins fired Norv Turner. "I'm not auditioning for the job. I just want to see the Cleveland Browns win."

Pressure had been mounting on Davis for weeks as the Browns' season crumbled with a score of injuries to key players and a handful of agonizing losses. Things got so difficult for Davis and his family last week that he sent his wife and son to Florida to avoid all the attention.

The Browns, 3-8 this year and just 8-19 since the end of the 2002 season, have 13 players on injured reserve, including six starters. They continually came up short in tight games during Davis' renure, and this season was no different as the team lost three games by a total of 13 points.

In a statement, Davis said "intense pressure and scrutiny" made the move neces-

"I accept responsibility for the mistakes that we have made," Davis said, "but it was my and my staff's intention to do everything we could to lay the foundation and build a team that could win a Super Bowl. I hope that some of my decisions we have made will be a part of a brighter future for the Browns organization.

"My future is clear for the moment. I



Butch Davis restored the University of Miami's winning tradition, but his tenure in Cleveland was marked by hard-luck losses.

have no immediate plans to stay in coaching."

Amid speculation last week that Davis was about to be fired, Collins said the coach would remain in place for the rest of the season — unless he resigned.

coach would remain in place for the rest of the season — unless he resigned. Davis, who helped restore the University of Miami's program before joining the

Browns in 2001, could be a candidate for the coaching opening at Florida. Davis fought back tears during a meeting as he told Cleveland's players he was

"I didn't expect him to be emotional like that," said fullback Terrelle Smith. "He opened up his heart to us. He told us the 44My future is clear for the moment. I have no immediate plans to stay in coaching.

Butch Davis

story about his family and that makes you feel bad. But life goes on. I hate to see him

In January, Browns owner Randy Lerner gave the 53-year-old Davis a two-year contract extension through 2007 and the added title of executive vice president, despite the club's 5-11 record in 2003.

Lerner felt pressured to keep Davis, thinking the coach was being courted by several college programs.

Davis took the Browms to the playoffs in 2002, their only postseason appearance since returning to the NFL in 1999. But the team endured more than its share of hard-luck losses; sustained an array of injuries; underwent a roster-cleaning salary-cap purge in 2003 and a yearlong quarterback controversy last season; and mourned the death of owner Al Lerner.

Davis was on Cleveland's sideline when Browns fans rioted by throwing thousands of bottles on the field in 2001 and when line-backer Dwayne Rudd threw his helmet in the 2002 opener, costing the Browns a vic-

On Monday, Davis recounted some of those moments.

"In four years," he said, "I have seen some of the most bizarre things." Asked if he planned to stay with the Browns, Davis said, "Sure. Absolutely."

Chiefs' Vermeil, 68, vows to return next season

The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The coach who made burnout a part of sports lexicon is 68 and enduring one of the most disappointing years of a long, dis-

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uring one of the most disappointing years of a long, distinguished career.

But there are no thoughts of another re-

tirement for Dick Ver-

meil, who said Tuesday he'll be back next season for the final year of his contract with the Kansas City Chiefs.

"Sometimes I walk off the field feeling sorry for myself," Vermeil said Tuesday. "That's human nature. I'd be a liar not to say that. Everything we do that fails I feel just as bad about today as I did in the late 70s and early '80s. But I handle it better."

Expected to be a Super Bowl contender after posting a 13-3 regular-season record last season, the Chiefs are 3-8 and on a four-game losing skid. There are no playoff games looming, only big changes on the field and possibly in the front office.

But Vermeil, who walked away from the Philadelphia Eagles in 1982 citing emotional exhaustion and burnout, said he's determined to be back.

"I would certainly hope [so]," said Chiefs General Manager Carl Peterson, a friend from their Philadelphia days who coaxed Vermeil out of his second retirement in 2001, after he led the St. Louis Rams to a Super Bowl win.

"He's got a two-year contract. I would be very surprised if that changed for any reason. He's a very resilient guy. He's determined. I think he's anxious to try to get this thing going in the right direction."

For the third year in a row, a faulty defense has ruined an outstanding year from one of the NFL's top offenses. There is mounting criticism not only of the coaching staff, but of the player personnel and scouting departments.

Jets' Pennington strives to play Sunday

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Chad Pennington sounds optimistic about his chances of playing for the New York Jets on Sunday. Pennington, who has missed the past three weeks with a strained right rotator cuff, is questionable for the game against

"I always said I'm going to come back when I feel I can help my team and not hurt my team," Pennington said Monday. "I feel that way. I feel like I can play well."

Whether coach Herman Edwards agrees could be the deciding factor. Pennington started throwing last week for the first time since getting hurt Nov. 7 at Buffalo at the end of a scramble.

Before a 13-3 win over Arizona on Sunday, he threw 50 passes with full velocity, ranging from short ones to 40-45 yarders. There has been no swelling in his shoul-

der and no setbacks, and Pennington does not know whether sitting out an additional week will be beneficial.

"Obviously, a week makes a difference if you don't get hit, but that's not where we are right now. This is football, and you do play hurt." Pennington said.

Parcells says Testaverde will start

IRVING, Texas — Bill Parcells isn't worried about the long-term future and the Dallas Cowboys are still in playoff contention in the miserable NFC. So the coach's decision was easy and expected.

Rookie Drew Henson, whose starting debut lasted one half, is going back into watch-and-learn mode. And 41-year-old Vinny Testaverde is the starting quarterback again for the Cowboys (4-7).

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent ME. players, followed by team's progness. (See Saturday's edition for complete injury report provided by the league). Broncos: GL enny Walls (dislocated shoulder) out for season. Browns: B. Andra Davis (torn knee ligament) out to follow the provided of the Titlans ST and Williams (knee tendon) out for season.

"He gives us the best chance to win," Parcells said Tuesday. "That's what I'm interested in doing, if we can."

Henson got his long-awaited first start against Chicago last Thursday after a sore Testaverde was limited in practice. But Testaverde returned after halftime in a tie game, and the Cowboys won 21-7.

Cardinals to start rookie QB Navarre

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals are turning to yet another quarterback, this time rookie John Navarre.
The seventh-round draft pick from Michi-

gan, who never has taken a snap in an NFL regular-season game, will make his debut Sunday when the Cardinals visit Detroit. Coach Dennis Green announced the move Monday, benching Shaun King after

move Monday, benching Shaun King after two starts and going with Navarre over Josh McCown, who had the job for the first nine games. "Isn't that the American dream?" Green

said. "Isn't the American dream all about opportunity? If one guy hasn't worked out and another guy hasn't worked out, why shouldn't the other guy get a chance? And I've got a lot of confidence in him. I think he'll do fine."

Green said McCown would be the backup, with King demoted to third string after the Cardinals (4-7) scored just 13 points in his two starts.

"Quick hook? Yeah," Green said. "Tough

business, and you don't have to apologize for it being a tough business."

Smith to carry Vikings' load

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Onterrio Smith, not former Pro Bowler Michael Bennett, will be Minnesota's starting running back for now.

"We'll try to define a role for Mike," coach Mike Tice said, "but I think right now we'll try to ride Onterrio and see how he progresses down the stretch."

Smith, in his second year out of Oregon, racked up 421 combined yards in the Vikings' first three games before serving a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance-abuse rules. He had a season-high 20 carries for 72 yards in Sunday's 27-16 win over Jacksonville.

Henry might not have broken leg

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Travis Henry might not have broken a bone in his right leg, as first feared, according to coach Mike Mularkey. The team is conducting tests on the running back and should have a more definitive diagnosis when the Bills (5-6) return to practice Wednesday. Henry, the backup to Willis McGahee,

was hurt four plays into the team's opening drive in a 38-9 win at Seattle on Sunday.

Bucs release veteran PK Gramatica

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers released struggling kicker Martin Gramatica on Tuesday and replaced him with Arena Football League kicker Jay Taylor

The team's career scoring leader missed three field goals during Sunday's 21-14 loss at Carolina and was 11-for-19 this season. He missed seven of his last nine attempts and had not made a field goal over 22 yards since Oct. 10.

Peach Bowl wants Florida

Bowl wants Florida to play in the Dec. 31 game - and hopes

Ron Zook will hang around to coach the Gators for a few more

Bowl president Gary Stokan said Tuesday that the selection committee voted for Florida over Alabama as its choice from the Southeastern Conference assuming the Gators are available.

There's one caveat: An Auburn loss to Tennessee in the SEC championship game could force the Peach Bowl to go in a different direction

No. 20 Florida (7-4) is expected to play the loser of Saturday's Miami-Virginia Tech game. The winner will get the Atlantic Coast Conference's bid to the Bowl Championship Series.

Georgia vs. Wisconsin in Outback Bowl

ATHENS Ga. Eighth-ranked Georgia (9-2) accepted an invitation Tuesday to meet Wisconsin (9-2) in the Out-

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may be heading home

USS Kitty Hawk group U.S., Iraqis gather

back Bowl, the Bulldogs' third straight appearance in a New Year's Day game.

Liberty Bowl matches Louisville, Boise State

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - No. 11 Boise State (11-0) accepted a bid Tuesday to play No. 7 Louis-ville (9-1) in the Liberty Bowl on Dec. 31 in a matchup of the nation's top two offenses

BC to meet North Carolina in Continental Tire Bowl

BOSTON - Boston College will play North Carolina (6-5) in the Continental Tire Bowl on Dec. 30 in Charlotte, N.C., after a surprising loss kept the No. 17 Eagles (8-3) out of a Bowl Championship Series game

UConn accepts bid to Motor City Bowl

STORRS, Conn. - Connecticut is headed to the Motor City Bowl, the Huskies' first nostseason game as a Division I-A team.

The Huskies (7-4) will play the winner of Thursday night's Mid-American Conference title game between Toledo (8-3) and Miami of Ohio (8-3).

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Hamilton fired by cycling team

Olympic gold medalist twice tested positive for doping

GENEVA - Olympic gold med-

alist Tyler Hamilton was fired by his cycling team two months after testing positive for blood dop-**Sports** inσ briefs

The Swiss.

based Interna-tional Cycling Union, or UCI, said Tuesday the in its decision Phonak team told the governing body that the American rider's

contract was terminated last week. Hamilton later confirmed the

move on his Web site. "After many discussions with team management, we concluded together that it would not be possible for the team to continue at the level we hoped with my name on the roster," he said.

Phonak was denied a racing license by the UCI on Tuesday because of the team's doping problems. Hamilton and two other Phonak riders have been charged in drug cases in the past three

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The decision means Phonak is barred from competing in all major events next year on UCI's Tour, which includes the

Tour de France.
Phonak told UCI about Hamilton's dismissal while the organization was considering whether to issue the tour license, but the governing body said the decision to fire Hamilton made no difference

"This team does not provide guarantees in respect of sporting ethics as they apply to doping, UCI's licenses commission said. "Its admission to the UCI Pro Tour would ... harm the image of cycling as a sport."

Hamilton's contract was scheduled to expire in December 2005. He said he agreed to leave to improve the team's chances of being able to compete on the pro tour.

Hamilton, a native of Marblehead, Mass., first tested positive for blood doping after winning the time trial in the Athens Olympics in August. But the case was dronned after his backup sample was frozen, leaving too few red

blood cells to analyze. Hamilton tested positive again for an illegal blood transfusion in the Spanish Vuelta in September. with both samples confirming the result. He faces a possible result. He faces a possible two-year ban if found guilty.

Dodgers OF Bradley charged with disorderly conduct

COPLEY, Ohio — Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder Milton Brad ley is in trouble again, this time charged with disorderly conduct after interfering with a traffic stop near Akron

Bradley was charged after police stopped a woman for weaving on a highway Thursday. Police say Bradley, who was driving another car shead of the woman stopped on an exit ramp and ked on the side of the highway

until he reached the traffic stop. "He started screaming to the officer something to the effect of, 'Why are you stopping my friend?' "Copley Township Po-lice Chief Michael Mier said Mon-

"The officer had to tell him several times to return to his vehi-cle, and he refused to do so." ne point, Mier said, Bradley put his hands behind his back and "said 'go ahead and arrest me.' " Mier said.

The officer charged Bradley with a fourth-degree misdemean-or. He was not held but was issued a summons to appear Friday in Barberton Municipal Court. If convicted, Bradley could be sen-tenced from no jail time up to 30 days, and a maximum fine of \$250.

The woman, identified only as a friend of Bradley's, was not charged and allowed to leave, Mier said.

Bettman reiterates league's stand against luxury tax

EDMONTON, Alberta - NHL commissioner Gary Bettman reiterated the league's position that it won't consider the players' pro-

posed luxury tax They claim that will fix our problems, I'm here to tell you today that a luvury tay will not and it will create a potential for future disaster in the NHL, Bettman said Tuesday at an Edm-onton Chamber of Commerce

Bettman also reiterated that the owners don't have a drop-dead date for when they would have to pull the plug on the

breakfast

The NHL and NHLPA haven't had a formal collective bargaining session since Sept. 9 in Toronto, when the league officially reiected the union's luxury tax-based proposal.

The league has said it doesn't believe in a luxury tax because it doesn't guarantee cost certainty.

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Prosecutor: Players in brawl will be charged

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. - Indiana Pacers players will be charged for fighting with fans dur ing the Nov. 19 brawl at the end of a game against the Detroit Pistons, Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca told The Detroit



News. "Whoever was involved fisticuffs will he charged, re gardless

they were wearing a jersey. It's obvious there were several Pacer players and fans that dealt blows," Gorcyca was quoted as saying in Tuesday's editions of the newspaper.

The prosecutor declined to say which players would be charged or what the charges might be. Auburn Hills police Lt. James

Manning told the newspaper that he expects four members of the Pacers to face assault and battery

Manning said during a news conference Monday that a lawyer for the Pacers told detectives that none of the players would agree to be interviewed by police. Prosecutors could get the police report by the beginning of next week, Manning said.

The fight between spectators and players broke out near the end of the game after an on-court dispute over a foul. A fan hurled a drink at Pacers forward Ron Artest, who charged into the stands, followed by teammates.

Artest was suspended for the rest of the season by the NBA

Magloire out three months

NEW ORLEANS - New Orleans center Jamaal Magloire will be out up to three months with a dislocated right ring finger

Magloire was injured in the fourth quarter of the Hornets' 95-86 loss at Phoenix on Friday and flew back to New Orleans for treatment. He will not need sur-

Magloire was fined \$7,500 by the NBA on Tuesday for throwing basketball at Golden State's Mike Dunleavy last week

Celtics' West out indefinitely

ORLANDO, Fla. - Boston guard Delonte West is out indefinitely after breaking his right hand in the second quarter of Boston's 106-104 loss at Miami on Sunday night. It was only the rookie's second game since coming off the injured list. He broke his right thumb in the preseason.

Kirilenko to miss five games

SALT LAKE CITY - The Utah Jazz placed forward Andrei Kirilenko on the injured list Tuesday with a knee injury and activated rookie forward Kris Humphries. Kirilenko sprained a ligament

in his right knee Saturday night in a collision with Beno Udrih of the San Antonio Spurs.

Kirilenko is expected to miss at least five games.

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Celtics, Rivers earn big win

ORLANDO, Fla. - Doc Rivers was cheered by his old fans, then his new team gave him a small measure of revenge Rivers' Boston Celtics snapped a four-game losing streak by beat-

ing the Orlando Magic 117-101 on onday night, giving him a win the first time he faced his former

The Magic fired Rivers a year ago, after four-plus seasons, when the team stumbled to a 1-10 record. Rivers, the NBA's coach of the year in 2001, had a 171-168 record with three trips to the play-

Rivers downplayed any ques-tions of revenge, and deflected the attention to his players.

"Great win for us because we broke the losing streak we were on," Rivers said. "Our guys need-

ed a win like this." Paul Pierce scored 24 points. leading seven players in double figures, as the Celtics enjoyed their best offensive performance of the season. Marcus Banks added a season-high 20 in a re-

The game was expected to be



filled with emotion - with Rivers being the most charismatic coach in franchise history. But by the time the ovation from Rivers' pregame introduction died down, the Celtics had not the Magic away

"They attack the basket, so we thought if we could get stops and get up and down the court, then we could beat them before they set their defense," Rivers said. "That was something we saw on film that we could take advantage of, but the key was getting stops

The Magic missed 23 of their first 32 shots and by the time they steadied, the Celtics were gone. Boston went ahead by 10 midway through the first quarter, by 20 early in the second and the margin reached 27 with 5:37 left before the break. "The key was, we got back on

defense every time and we didn't allow them to have fast-break points," Rivers said On the other end of the floor,

that got Rivers fired.

Orlando's toothless defense let Boston drive uncontested to the basket, leading to 11 dunks and layups in the first quarter.

Pierce's fast-break follow slam capped a 26-8 run for a 15-point lead with 3:44 left in the period.

Clippers 94, Cavaliers 82: At Los Angeles, Elton Brand had a season-high 30 points and six assists, Bobby Simmons scored nine of his 17 points in the fourth quarter, and the Clippers completed the second-best November in franchise history. By winning their fourth

straight game, the Clippers (9-6) have their best record in the month since the 1974-75 team, playing in Buffalo, went 12-4.

Nuggets 76, Hornets 67: Earl Boykins scored 22 points to help the Nuggets overcome the absence of Carmelo Anthony and defeat the Hornets at home

The Nuggets won for the sixth time in seven games, but strug-gled mightily against the Hornets, who came into the final stop of a five-game road trip with the NBA's worst record.



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No. 2 Kansas doesn't fall into same trap vs. Nevada

The Accordated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas got a big lead in a hurry and made sure Nevada couldn't repeat last year's upset.

Wayne Simien had 14 points and 10 rebounds for his third double-double in as many games, and the second-ranked Jayhawks opened with a 19-4 run Monday night on the way to an 85-52 victo-



(3-0) led 43-16 at halftime and was up by as many as 39 points.

"I thought our defense was pretty good," Jayhawks coach Bill Self said. "I thought the whole team played sluggish in the second half, which is to be expected. We still have to learn to put our foot on the throat."

Nevada beat then-No. 6 Kansas 75-61 last year, an early highlight in a season in which the Wolf Pack went on to win the Western Athletic Conference, reach the round of 16 in the NCAA tournament and finish 25-9.

"Coach brought the old clips when they smacked us pretty good and the fans stormed the court," Simien said. "He did it to motivate us. I think it did that."

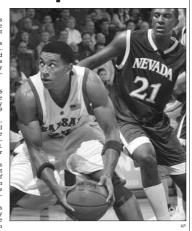
Nick Fazekas, the Wolf Pack's leading scorer with a 23.3 average, was harried by Christian Moody into 1-for-9 shooting in the first half and finished with 17

"We are just young," first-year Nevada coach Mark Fox said.

"We just couldn't execute our offense against their pressure de-

Fox was promoted to replace Trent Johnson, who took over the Stanford program.

No. 6 Oklahoma St. 76, SMU 57: John Lucas scored 24 points to lead the Cowboys (4-0) as coach Eddie Sutton won for the 759th time, tying him for eighth



Kansas forward Wayne Simien (23) looks for the basket after getting past Nevada forward Kevinn Pinkney (21) during the first half at Allen Fieldhouse in Lawrence, Kan., on Monday. Kansas won 85-52.

place on the Division I career list with Ed Diddle.

Lucas scored 11 points as visiting Oklahoma State took control in the first half with a 17-4 run. Patrick Simpson had 20 points for SMU (2-1).

No. 16 N.C. State 60, Purdue 53: Julius Hodge had 22 points, eight rebounds and five assists to lead the Wolfpack to the home win on the opening night of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

Ilian Evtimov had 12 points for the Wolfpack (5-0), who won their first four games by an average of 37 points. Carl Landry had 18 points for

Purdue (1-3), which in coach Gene Keady's farewell season is off to its worst start since 1962-63. No. 18 Texas 86, Coppin St. 50: Freshman Daniel Gibson scored 17 points for the Long-

horns (4-1), who had 16 three-pointers, two short of the school record. Texas had nine threes in taking a 42-29 halftime lead.

Darryl Proctor had 11 points for the visiting Eagles (0-3).

Title IX case heard by Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — A landmark gender equity law should protect people who report complaints of discrimination, the Supreme Court was told Tuesday as it heard arguments in the case of an Alabama coach fired when he protested the unequal treatment of his girls' high school basketball team.

"This is vital to promoting the purposes of the act," said government attorney Irving L. Gornstein, referring to the Title IX law best known for promoting women's athletics.

The Bush administration is supporting the position of the coach, Roderick Jackson, who lost his job in 2001 after repeatedly asking the Birmingham Board of Education to provide his team a regulation-size gym with basketball rims that weren't bent — just like the bows' team had

Jackson then sued to get his job back permanently along with lost wages under the Title IX law. At issue is whether Congress intended to allow lawsuits by those who complain of gender bias even if they are not direct victims — when it passed the 1972 law barring discrimination in any educational program receiving feder-

al funds.

Justices appeared divided along ideological lines, with Ruth Bader Ginsburg and other liberal members expressing concern that barring suits like Jackson's

would deter discrimination complaints. Justice Antonin Scalia and his more conservative colleagues suggested Congress never intended that.

Kenneth L. Thomas, a lawyer representing the Birmingham school board, argued that the word 'retaliation' is never mentioned in the statue. To allow whistleblowers, regardless of their sex, to sue would open school districts to a wave of lawsuits that lawmakers never intended.

Marcia Greenberger, Jackson's attorney, said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that he was trying to protect the rights of the girls to equal treatment with boys and should not have been punished for speaking out.

Notre Dame: Utah coach Meyer mentioned as replacement

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But during his second year, the Irish fell to 5-7, with four of their losses coming by 26 points or more. It was Notre Dame's third losing record in five seasons, the team's worst stretch in 115 years of football.

One coach certain to be mentioned as a possible replacement for Willingham is Utah's Urban Meyer, an Irish assistant during 1996-2000. The Utes are 11-0 and ranked No. 5 in their second year under Meyer.

Meyer said he hadn't heard about Willingham's departure from Notre Dame until he was asked about it by The Associated Press on Tuesday.

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Asked whether he has had any contact with Notre Dame or whether he would be interested in coaching the Fighting Irish, Meyer responded: "I won't comment on it."

Notre Dame has won eight AP college football national championships, more than any other school, with the last in the 1988 season under Holtz. Players from the school have won the Heisman Trophy seven times, also the most in college football.

But the Irish haven't won a bowl game since ending the 1993 season ranked No. 2 after beating Texas A&M 24-21 in the Cotton Bowl. Since then, the Irish have lost six straight postseason games.

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Close won't be enough for Warriors

Taegu girls pushing for first title in Class A

Stars and Stripes

Second chances don't come along that often. Taegu American's girls basketball players are hoping they can make the most of

Most of the Warriors suffered the disappointment of finishing third for the



second straight year at last month's Far Fast Class Volleyball Tournament.

ond chance" could come in February's Far East Class A hoops tour-Pusan. And nament at fourth-year coach Michelle Chandler, while not proclaiming the Warriors as the team to beat, feels her squad will be a contend-

er. "We're looking good," Chan-dler said. "They're looking good at practice. Everything I've been teaching them to do for four years, they're finally doing."

The Warriors feature several veterans, with junior Kelli Cox working the middle, junior Lynette Grant doing the bulk of the scoring and Michelle Weal back in her role as defensive spe-

Chandler's daughter, Ashley Gooch, is a senior and four-year starter. Lindsey Jackson, a transfer student from Clovis, N.M., is giving basketball a try after a suc-

cessful volleyball season. "[Jackson] sees the court well. she's a good team player, she passes well and makes strong deci-

sions," Chandler said. As gifted as some Taegu American teams have been over the years, the 2001 team was the only one to taste Class A center court, losing 44-22 in the final to Osan

American. Is this the year?

"This year or next year," Chandler said

The Warriors face some strong opposition in reaching that goal: Osan American will continue to feed off a strong guard rotation, with senior Sharon Kroening at point, and the tallest player in the

league, 6-foot-4 junior Margaret Nurse, dominating the paint ■ E.J. King of Japan could sur-



or Cindy Stasher leads the Matthew C. Perry girls into this season. The Samurai look to improve on last year's 5-14 record.

prise with a strong returning core of sophomores Yudia Johnson and Porshia Bryant and junior Bi-

anca Cruz ■ Pusan American, for the first time, has enough players to field varsity and jayvee teams, and their guard tandem of senior Brieanna Carroll, Class A's reign-MVP. and freshman

Shabraya Hayes will give opponents fits. ■ Perpetually rebuilding Matthew C. Perry has a solid building

block in senior guard Cindy Stash-

"I can say my team is going to be strong, but Osan is going to have its core back." Chandler said. "E.J. King will probably be strong, too.

What might finally put the War-riors over the top, Chandler said, is newfound self-confidence.

"To believe they can do it. Be lieve in themselves," Chandler said. "This is basically the same

group of kids that could have done it (in Class A volleyball at Sasebo), but didn't believe they The potential is there, Chan-dler says. "It comes down to what's inside of them. It's what

they can do with it on the court." E-mail Dave Ornauer: ornv@pstripes.osd.mil.

Taegu American Warriors

Camp George, South Korea Last season: 14-15, 8-5 in league; third in Korean-American Interscholastic Ac-tivities Conference; sixth in Far East Class A Tournament. Coach: Michelle Chandler, fourth sea-

Osan American Cougars Osan Air Base, South Korea Last season: 23-8, 13-3 in league; sec

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Key newcomers: Kim Gerrard, junior;
awn Moore, freshman; Jessica Guertin,
reshman.

Outlook: Contending, Still boesting the

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Outlook: Contending. Still boasting the biggest thing in the league, the 6-foot-4 Nurse, and experienced guards in Kroening and Devin, the Cougars are still a major title threat in both the league and Class A. Losing Harris and Fellows close to bournament time will hurt, though.

Pusan American Panthers

ion. Key returners: Brieanna Carroll, se-ilor, guard; Cassie Carroll, freshman, juard; Shabraya Hayes, freshman juard; Alieen Kim, freshman guard; ojin Neihous, sophomore; Kristina Sag-

Key newcomer: Kristine Meany, junior.
Outlook: Reloading-contending. For
first time, Panthers have a junior varsity
program; varsity won't have to rely on
seventh- and eighth-graders to fill out a
roster. Guard-oriented team plans to outhustle other teams and play smarter
ball, Parker says.

E.J. King Cobras

Sasebo Naval Base, Japan Last season: 4-21, 1-11 in league; sixth n Japan League; fifth at Far East Class A

Key returners: Yudia Johnson, sopho-more, small forward; Bianca Cruz, jun-ior, point guard-shooting guard; Porshia Bryant, sophomore, power forward. Key newcomers: Janece Chapman, se-nior, power forward; Kristia Suriben, frashman point guard. freshman, point guard.

Outlook: Hoping to contend. From returning core to new players, sole motivating goal is to win the team's first Class A title since 1997.

Matthew C. Perry Samurai

Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station, Japan Last season: 5-14, 3-8 in league; fifth in apan League, ninth at Far East Class A purnament. japan League, ninth at Far East Class A tournament. Coach: Rico Alexander, first season. Key returners: Cindy Stasher, senior, point guard; Cristina Sindac, sopho-nore, shooting guard: Dana Garland, sophomore, power forward. Shooting quard: Lamice Alexander, shooting quard:

shooting guard.

Outlook: Perpetually rebuilding. Will
nustle on defense, but will struggle of-

Awards: Fall athletes ran awav with titles

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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS OF THE QUARTER: Far East tournament time was an all-Guam party, with Academy of Our Lady extending its Class AA title record to nine, and Notre Dame of Guam grabbing its first Class A crown in its first appearance

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL PLAY-ERS OF THE QUARTER: Academy's Emma Gillan was merely unstoppable, as was Nicole Tainatongo of Notre Dame in capturing respective MVP awards. Yokota's fifth-place Class AA finish might not have been possible without the hustle of senior setter Darlene Seeley.

REST PERFORMANCE BY A TRANSFER: With no football program at Matthew C. Perry this season, senior Adam Krievs moved to Nile C. Kinnick, where he ran 98 times for 613 vards and five touchdowns. He'll remain at Kinnick for the wrestling season.

BEST NEWCOMER: Sophomore Lindsey Jackson came to Taegu American from Clovis, N.M., and assumed the setter's role on the girls volleyball team, lifting the Warriors to second place in the KAIAC tournament.

GAME OF THE QUARTER: Yokota edged Kinnick 7-6 in a driving rain on Sept. 29 at Yokosuka Naval Base. Roach's 4-yard scoring run at the start of the fourth quarter and Stefan Welch's extra point overcame Lynce's 1-yard third-quarter sneak in a classic defensive strug-

PLAY OF THE QUARTER: In that same game, Mark Dixon blocked an extra-point try after Lynce's touchdown, helping to

save Yokota's perfect season. MOST LINUSUAL MOMENT: During a Kanto Plain tennis match Sept. 18 at Yokosuka, a seahawk dropped a fish onto the court, interrupting play for five minutes. Kinnick coach Nico Hindie attempted to toss the fish back to the hawk, "but he didn't take the bait," Hindie recalled.

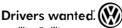
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Two runaway winners

Kadena's Kauzlarich. Yokota's Roach found their stride in earning top fall athlete honors

Stars and Stripes

xplosive running backs have long been a Yokota Panthers football tradition. Kadena High is just beginning a tradition for standout cross country

Senior back Chris Roach, who led Yokota to its fifth straight Rising Sun Bowl All-Japan championship, and junior runner Niki Kauzlarich, who paced Kadena to a record Far East meet finish, share Stars and Stripes' 2004 fall season Athlete of the Quarter honors.

From the moment Roach arrived at Yokota with his older brother Roy last year, Panthers coach Tim Pujol sensed that he was "a special guv.

While Roy set a Japan Football League record with 1,891 yards in 2003, Chris played a "more subordinate, more low-profile" role, Pujol said, netting 951 all-purpose yards, five touchdowns and six interceptions for the Pan-

"[Chris] knew he was going to have to handle a heavier load offensively this season" as Yokota's featured back, Pujol said. "He emerged into that more prominent role, more of a leadership role, something he did very well

Well enough to amass 1,603 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns on 183 carries and four more TDs on returns as Yokota won its sixth straight JFL and Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools titles. The Panthers outscored their foes 330-34.

Pujols said Roach, a 4.0 GPA student, set the example on the field with his talent and hu-

"He always has a lot of praise for the people around him, gives them credit, doesn't toot his own horn," Pujol said. "He's there to help up players after a play and pat them on the back for a job well done

Kauzlarich, a 4.2 GPA student, won all nine Okinawa Activities Council races, defended her island championship, then became the second straight Kadena runner to win the Far East meet's 3.1-mile individual race

The Panthers won every award inthe Far East meet, placing a record eight runners on the All-Far East team.

Kauzlarich's quiet leadership and work ethic helped raise the competitive level of her teammates, coach Tom McKinney said.

"Niki was always in the right place at the right time," McKinney said. Kauzlarich was willing to alter her own workouts to help her





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Kadena's Niki Kauzlarich, left, capped a perfect Okinawa Activities Council season with a Far East cross country title. Yokota tailback Chris Roach, right, gained over 1,600 yards as the top offensive weapon for the Rising Sun Bowl champion Panthers.

teammates, even running back in the pack to demonstrate a good pace and how to keep it going.

"She was a dedicated runner and she knew where she wanted to be when the season was over," McKinney said. "When she went to Far East, Niki had the mind-set that nobody was going to heat her. She showed she had the determination to win, and she did."

The rest of the Stars and Stripes fall sports quarter awards:

COACH OF THE QUARTER: Bonnie Seeley's Yokota girls volleyball team rose from the ashes of a 7-11 season in 2003 to match the school's best Far East Class AA Tournament finish - fifth place - after compiling a 15-7 regular-season record.

TEAM OF THE QUARTER: Kadena cross country, with its history-making Far East meet feats

MOST IMPROVED TEAM: Yokota girls volleyball

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM: Kadena won the Far East tennis, cross country and cheerleading championships, and the Islanders' captured their first outright Okinawa Activities Council football title since 1983

CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS OF THE QUAR-TER: Aside from Kadena, St. Mary's International of Tokyo enjoyed an unbeaten Kanto Plain boys season, while Seoul Foreign ran the table in the Korean-American Interscho lastic Activities Conference

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS OF THE QUARTER: Turner and Kauzlarich made it a sweep for Kadena in the DODDS-Pacific meet, while St. Mary's J.M. Kwak and Seoul Foreign's Alanna Bennett capped unbeaten seasons by winning the Asia-Pacific Invitational meet's 3.1-mile races on Nov. 8 on Guam.

FOOTBALL TEAMS OF THE QUARTER: The Islanders won all eight games on their way to the OAC title. Seoul American claimed its fourth straight Korea title and ran its winning streak to 20 games.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS OF THE QUARTER: In his first year of football, Terry Stephens of Osan American rambled for 1,008 yards and 10 touchdowns on 87 carries in just four games, including a Korea-record 343 vards on 25 carries in the season finale against Taegu American. Keith Loving helped pace the Is landers to the OAC title with 1,084 vards and 13 touchdowns on 171 carries.

TENNIS TEAMS OF THE QUARTER: Join ing Kadena at the top of the heap were St. Mary's boys and the American School In Japan's girls, who ruled the Kanto Plain, and KAIAC champion Seoul International

TENNIS PLAYERS OF THE QUARTER: Amy Lopes of Kadena became the first DODDS-Pacific Far East tournament girls gold medalist in nine years, while James Edwards of Pusan American won the hove brack-

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Fall Athletes of the Quarter nominees

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Stephen Scott, fr., Taegu American, South Korea.
Terry Stephens, sr., Osan American, South Korea.
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Girls volleyball
Sarah Bushong, sr., Guam High,
Heather Craker, jr., Morrison Christian Academy, Taiwan.
x-Emma Gillan, sr., Academy of Our Lady, Guam.
Shella Mesa, sr., Guam High.
x-Nicole Tainatongo, sr., Notre Dame, Guam.

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arol Lee, sr., Seoul International. -Amy Lopes, so., Kadena, Okinawa. .manda Reiff, sr., Osan American, South Korea

x-automatically nominated as Most Valuable Player or indi-vidual champion of a DODDS-Pacific Far East or other Pacific-wide tournament.

This week's schedule

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Game of the week Wrestling

Zama American (0-0) at Nile C. Kinnick (0-0) When: 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Where: Nile C. Kinnick High School Gymnasium, Yokosuka Naval Base

Japan. What: Season-opening Japan League and Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools dual meet, between a rising Zama American program and a Red Devils' program that's perennially a league and Far East contender.

and Far East contender.
After having not contended in either league or Far East, Zama fields its strongest team since the late 1980s, with one defending weight-class champion (heavyweight David Burnett) and three others who placed in last year's Far East individual Freestlyte tournament.

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Notre Dame fires Willingham

School's first black coach failed to restore glory

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Coach Tyrone Willingham was fired by Notre Dame on Tuesday after three seasons in which he failed to return one of the nation's most sto-

ried football programs to prominence.

Willingham went 21-15, including 6-5
this season. The Fighting Irish lost 41-10 to

No. 1 Southern California on Saturday.

"We simply have not made the progress on the field that we need to make," athletic director Kevin White said. "Nor have we been able to create the positive momentum necessary in our efforts to return the Notre Dame program to the elite level of the college football world."

Players are considering not playing in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 28, and White said he didn't know who would coach the game. Notre Dame accepted the invitation to the game on Sunday.

Willingham's firing comes after a season

in which the Irish pulled off upset victories over Michigan and Tennessee but also were beaten badly by USC and Purdue. Student groups were planning a protest on campus Tuesday evening to call for Willingham's firing; he faced criticism from fans much of the season.

White praised Willingham's handling of the team, especially the Irish's strong academic record

"From Sunday through Friday our football program has exceeded all expectations, in every way," he said. "But on Saturday, we've struggled. We've been up and down and sideways a little bit."

White and Willingham met with some players Tuesday to tell them of the firing.

"As a player, you think it's our fault. We didn't get the job done," senior tight end Jared Clark said. "I think Coach Willingham was a great coach and I enjoyed playing under him."

Notre Dame's loss to USC on Saturday

marked the fifth time the Irish lost by 31 points or more under Willingham — including three against the rival Trojans. By comparison, former coach Bob Davie's team had just one such loss; Lou Holtz and Dan Devine had none.

Notre Dame hired Willingham, the first black head coach in any sport for the Irish, from Stanford to replace George O'Leary. The former Georgia Tech coach resigned five days after taking the job because he lied about his academic and athletic achievements on his résumé.

With Tony Samuel fired by New Mexico State and Fitz Hill resigning from San Jose State last week, there are now only two black head coaches in Division I-A: Karl Dorrell at UCLA and Sylvester Croom at Mississipoi State.

Floyd Keith, executive director of the Black Coaches Association, said he was disappointed with Notre Dame's decision.

"In three years, I think he has done everything, short of winning a national cham-

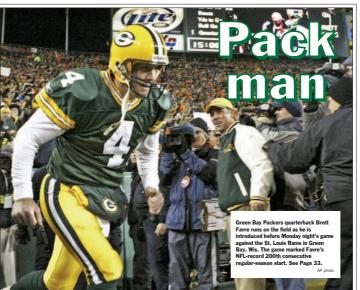


Tyrone Willingham

pionship and I don't think he inherited national championship talent," Keith said.

In his first season, Willingham had many fans recalling Notre Dame's glory days, taking over a losing squad and turning things around immediately. The Irish won eight straight games to start the season before finishing 10-3 and going to the Gator Bowl.

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Embattled Browns coach Davis resigns



No. 2 Kansas overpowers Nevada



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